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Featuring
**"The KENTS'
SECOND
SUPER-SON!"**

QUICK, SON!
BETTER CHANGE
INTO YOUR SECRET
IDENTITY OF OUR
NEW ADOPTED BOY,
ALLEN KENT, BEFORE
THE NEIGHBORS SEE
YOU! YOU CAN TAKE
CLARK'S ROOM!

WHAT'S THIS? WHILE I'VE BEEN
AWAY ON A MISSION IN SPACE,
ANOTHER *SUPERBOY* HAS TAKEN
MY PLACE! WHO CAN IT BE?



ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:
"HOW
AQUAMAN GOT
HIS POWERS!"

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A DAY!

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HARD-HITTING
MUSCLES!

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TO GET FOR
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MILLIONS HAVE
BEEN SOLD FOR
\$1 AND MORE

Which of these
2 ME'S is YOU ?

that 125 lb. - 6 ft. ■
CHICKEN WEAKLING BELOW
CHESTED WAS ME
A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO

NO! friend you
don't have to be
SKINNY any more.
Just mail **NOW** the **FREE**
coupon below as I did.
Soon **YOU** can add
7 inches to your **CHEST**
3½ inches to **EACH**
ARM and the rest in
proportion as I did.

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NOW YOU give me
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY
IN YOUR OWN HOME
and I'll give **YOU**

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what work you do. All I want is **JUST 10**
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below **NOW**. Your suc-
cess can soon be like
mine. A few weeks ago
I was a skinny weakling
like you. I had no guts to
fight for my rights. **TODAY**
everyone admires my champ
movie-star build. My mighty
ARMS. My heroic **CHEST**. My
wide manly **SHOULDERS**. My
POPULARITY with boys. The
way **GIRLS** go for me—once
so girl-shy. My new prowess
in **SPORTS**. My new
quickness in **STUDIES**. My
double-energy at work.

There's that
skinny scarecrow
JOHN. Let's
pass him by!



JOHN SILL
was a 125 lb.
6 ft. **WEAKLING**
LOOK AT him NOW.
A MOVIE-STAR HE-MAN
from Head to Toe

as YOU
can be !
soon !

John
Sill
before



YES! You'll see **INCH** upon **INCH** of **MIGHTY MUSCLE** added to **YOUR**
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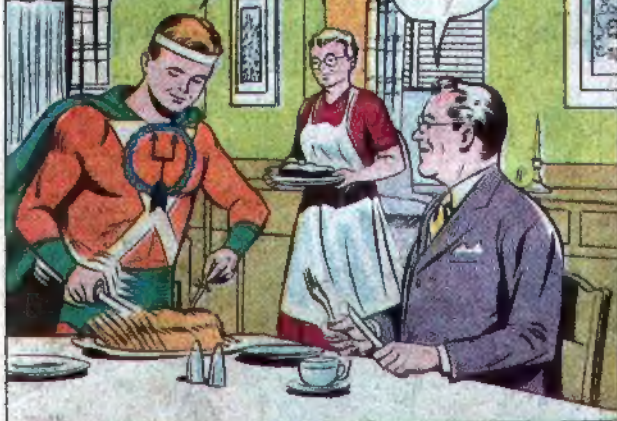
The ADVENTURES of
SUPERMAN

WHEN HE WAS A BOY

YOU PREFER THE
WELL-DONE SLICES,
DON'T YOU, DAD?

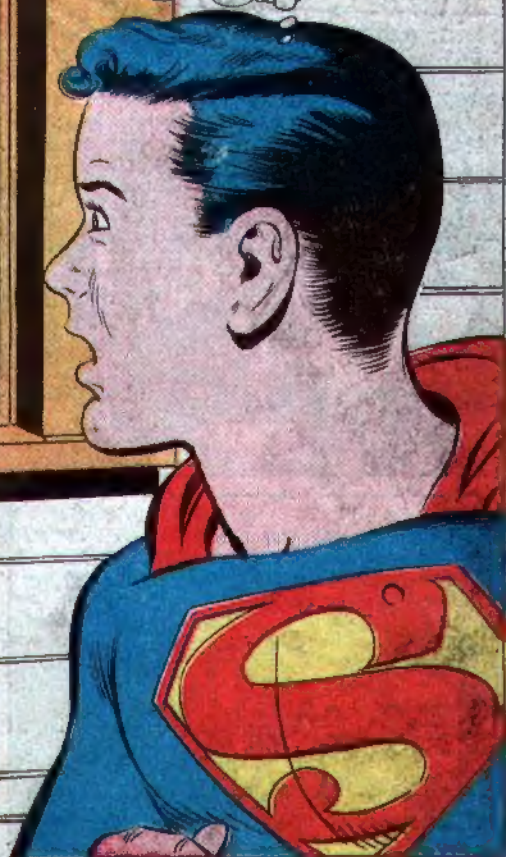
YES,
SON!

WHAT'S THIS? WHILE I'VE
BEEN AWAY ON A MISSION IN
SPACE, ANOTHER LAD WITH
SUPER-POWERS HAS TAKEN
MY PLACE! HE--HE'S SITTING
IN MY CHAIR, AND EVEN
CALLING MY FOSTER PARENTS
MOM AND DAD! WHO CAN
HE BE?



JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT ARE LOVED AND RESPECTED IN SMALLVILLE... AS IS THEIR ADOPTED SON, CLARK! ONLY THEY KNOW THAT CLARK IS **SUPERBOY**, AND THEY'VE KEPT THAT SECRET LOYALLY AND INGENUOUSLY FOR YEARS! HOWEVER, WHEN THEY ADOPT ANOTHER LAD, WHO ODDLY ENOUGH ALSO HAS SUPER-POWERS, AND WHO CONCEALS SOME STRANGE AND FRIGHTENING SECRET, THEIR TROUBLES BEGIN, AS YOU'LL DISCOVER WHEN YOU READ...

the **KENTS' SECOND
SUPER-SON!**



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ONE DAY, AS MA AND PA KENT, FOSTER PARENTS OF SUPERBOY, DRIVE ALONG THE OUTSKIRTS OF SMALLVILLE...

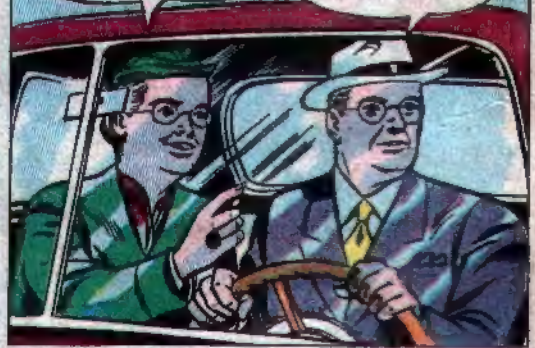
IT SURE IS LONELY WITH OUR SON AWAY!

YES, EVERYONE THINKS CLARK IS SPENDING HIS VACATION WITH HIS GRANDPARENTS AT THEIR FARM, BUT SUPERBOY IS OUT IN SPACE MEETING AN EMERGENCY THAT MAY KEEP HIM AWAY FOR DAYS!

SMALLVILLE COUNTY ORPHANAGE IS EXPANDING ITS FACILITIES. WILL YOU ADOPT A CHILD FOR A MONTH UNTIL OUR NEW ANNEX IS BUILT?

I CERTAINLY MISS HIM, AND... PA! LOOK! WHILE HE'S AWAY, WHY DON'T WE...?

I HAD THE SAME IDEA MYSELF. I'LL DRIVE TO THE ORPHANAGE RIGHT NOW!



ALL THE CHILDREN ARE BEING MADE SUCH A FUSS OVER... EXCEPT THAT BOY... AND HE DOES SEEM A LITTLE DIFFERENT AND STRANGE! I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM!

SOON, INSIDE THE ORPHANAGE...

YOU'D BETTER HURRY, MRS. KENT, IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT A CHILD FOR A MONTH. THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN MARVELOUS! ALMOST EVERY CHILD HAS BEEN ADOPTED ALREADY!

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY WITH US, DON!



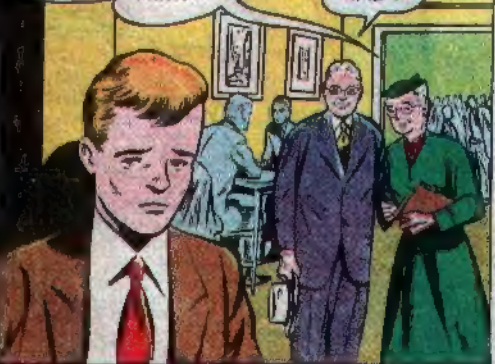
THAT LAD LOOKS SO SHY AND LONELY, JONATHAN! LET'S ASK THE DIRECTOR IF WE CAN ADOPT HIM!

IT'S FUNNY HOW WE THINK ALIKE, MARTHA! I ALSO FEEL I WANT TO HELP THAT LAD!

PRESENTLY...

ALLEN GREENE, I WANT YOU TO MEET MR. AND MRS. KENT! THEY ARE FINE PEOPLE, AND YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY HAVING THEM AS YOUR PARENTS FOR A MONTH!

I...I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MRS.... I MEAN... ER... MA... AND YOU, TOO... DAD!





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ON THE WAY HOME, THE KENTS WATCH THEIR NEW SON THOUGHTFULLY...

HE SEEMS SO SAD AND QUIET... WELL... A MONTH OF MA'S COOKING AND KINDNESS WILL BRIGHTEN HIM UP!

I'M SO USED TO BEING THE MOTHER OF A **SUPER** BOY, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO HAVE AN ORDINARY SON... EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR A MONTH!



HOWEVER, WHEN THE KENTS GET HOME...

THIS IS CLARK'S ROOM, ALLEN! YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL TO YOURSELF NOW, BUT YOU'LL SHARE IT WITH HIM WHEN HE RETURNS!

THANK YOU... BUT BEFORE CLARK RETURNS THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU... SOMETHING YOU MUST PROMISE NEVER TO REVEAL TO ANYONE ELSE! I'LL BE OUT IN A MOMENT!



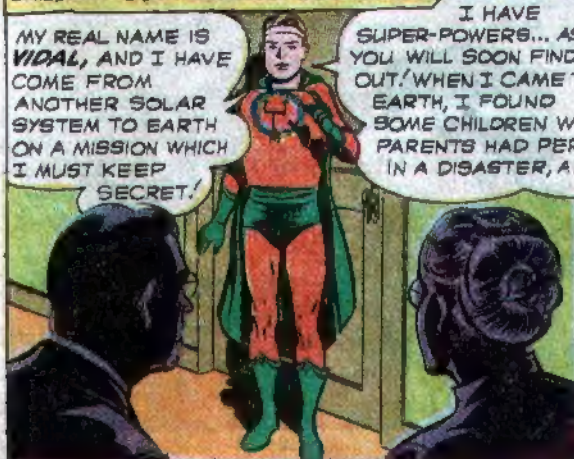
THE STRANGE LAD SHUTS THE DOOR BEHIND HIM, AND THEN, A MOMENT LATER, STEPS OUT, CLAD IN A BRILLIANT BUT PUZZLING COSTUME...

MY REAL NAME IS **VIDAL**, AND I HAVE COME FROM ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM TO EARTH ON A MISSION WHICH I MUST KEEP SECRET!

I HAVE **SUPER-POWERS**... AS YOU WILL SOON FIND OUT! WHEN I CAME TO EARTH, I FOUND SOME CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS HAD PERISHED IN A DISASTER, AND...

...I MIXED WITH THEM, SO I'D BE TAKEN FOR AN EARTH ORPHAN! NOW, YOU MUST BOTH SWEAR YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO CONCEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT ME! IT IS NECESSARY... FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF MY MISSION!

WE... WE PROMISE!



EVEN AS THE KENTS STARE WITH INCREDULOUS AMAZEMENT AT THEIR SECOND SUPER-SON...

A PLANE... ON FIRE! THE PILOT BAILED OUT SAFELY... BUT IT'S FALLING RIGHT TOWARD THE HEART OF TOWN! NOW, I'LL SHOW YOU MY **SUPER-POWERS**... BUT FIRST... I MUST GET SOMETHING FROM MY VALISE!

THE ALIEN YOUTH DARTS INTO HIS ROOM AND EMERGES A SECOND LATER, CLAD IN A FAMILIAR BLUE AND RED COSTUME...

Y-YOU'RE WEARING A **SUPERBOY** COSTUME! WH-WHY?

I CANNOT EXPLAIN... BUT I MUST WEAR THIS WHENEVER I USE MY **SUPER-POWERS** ON EARTH! IT IS NOT INDESTRUCTIBLE AS **SUPERBOY'S** COSTUME IS, BUT IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, IT IS A PERFECT IMITATION!



COMPLETELY PUZZLED, THE KENT'S WATCH AS THEIR NEWLY ADOPTED SON FLIES AWAY.

I DON'T LIKE THIS! WHY DID HE COME TO EARTH... AND WHY IS HE WEARING SUPERBOY'S COSTUME?



I WISH SUPERBOY WERE BACK! IF VIDAL'S MISSION ON EARTH IS A HARMFUL ONE, ONLY OUR SON COULD STOP HIM!

HE CERTAINLY HAS GOT SUPER-POWERS! HE'S FLYING IN FRONT OF THAT FLAMING PLANE SO FAST THAT HE CREATED AN AIR CURRENT AND FORCING THE PLANE TO FOLLOW IN HIS PATH!



YES...HE'LL PROBABLY LET IT DROP INTO THE SEA!

WHEN VIDAL RETURNS...

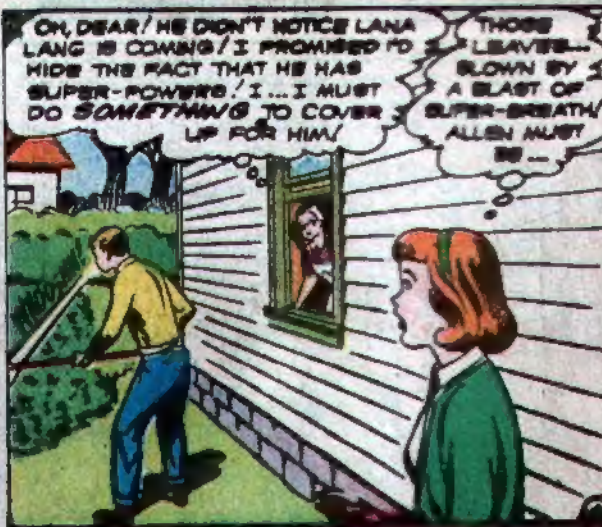


YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHY I DIDN'T JUST HURL IT INTO THE SEA, AS SUPERBOY WOULD HAVE DONE, WELL... I DON'T POSSESS ALL HIS POWERS LIKE SUPER-VISION AND SUPER-HEARING, AND I'M NOT QUITE SO INVULNERABLE! THE INTENSE HEAT MIGHT HAVE BURNED ME!

NOW I'M GOING TO CHANGE BACK INTO MY IDENTITY AS ALLEN GREENE, AND USE MY POWERS TO HELP YOU, AS A GOOD SON SHOULD HELP HIS PARENTS.

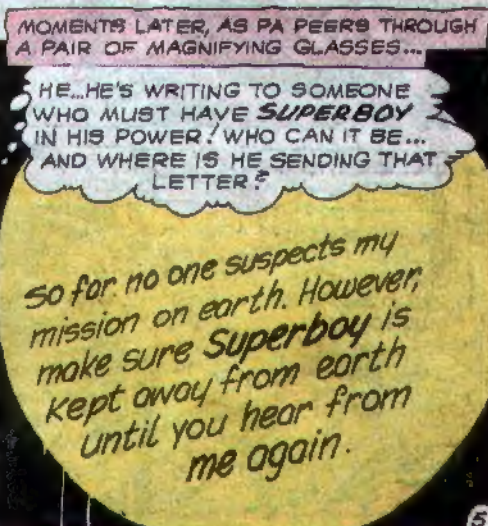
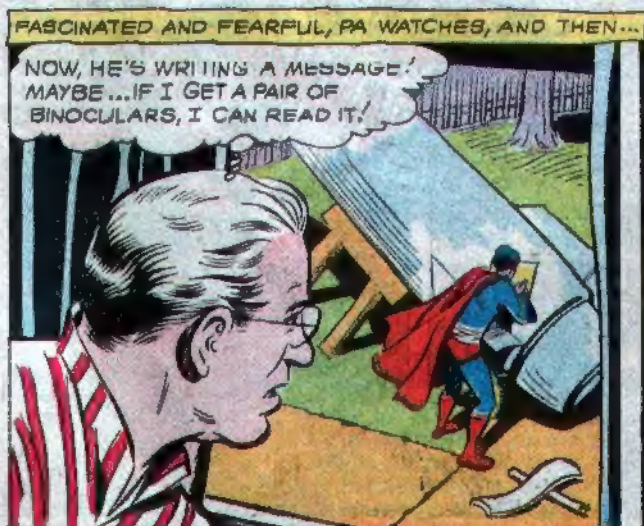
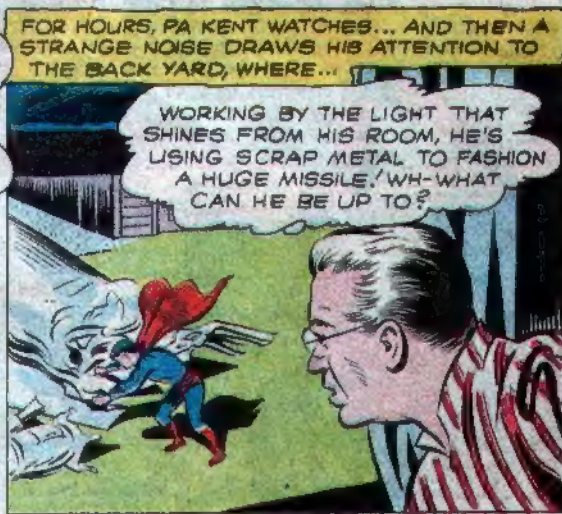
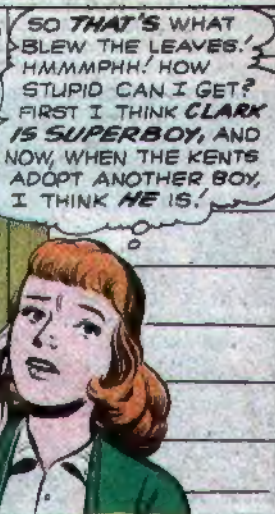


SOON... IT WOULD TAKE YOU AND DAD HOURS TO CLEAN THE LEAVES OUT OF THE BACK YARD, BUT ONE PUFF OF MY SUPER-BREATH WILL DO IT IN SECONDS!



OH, DEAR! HE DIDN'T NOTICE LANA LANG IS COMING! I PROMISED TO HIDE THE FACT THAT HE HAS SUPER-POWERS! I... I MUST DO SOMETHING TO COVER UP FOR HIM!

THOSE LEAVES... BLOWN BY A BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH! ALLEN MUST BE...

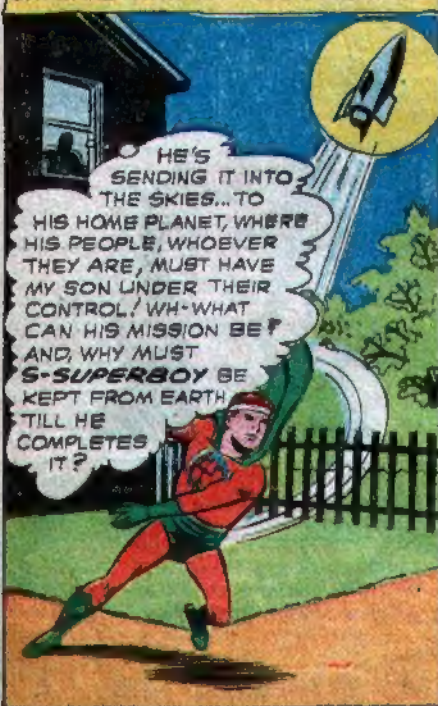




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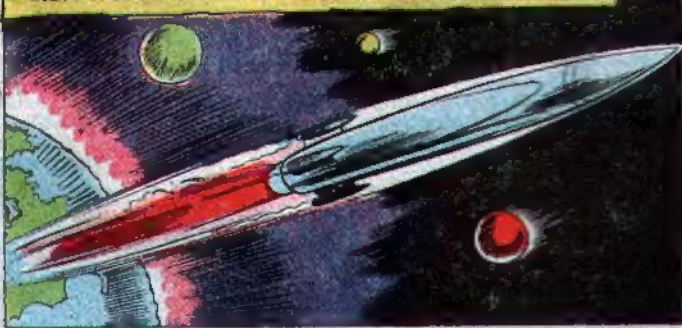
PRESENTLY, THE ALIEN LAD PLACES THE LETTER IN THE MISSILE AND HURLS IT SKYWARD WITH TERRIBLE STRENGTH...



AND, WHILE A TROUBLED PA KENT WRESTLES WITH A DEEP MYSTERY, THE LETTER FINDS ITS WAY TO ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM, WHERE...



INSTANTLY, A HUGE, SPEAR-LIKE PROJECTILE LEAVES THE ALIEN WORLD AND HURTLES INTO OUTER SPACE...



MEANWHILE, NEARBY IN SPACE, UNAWARE OF VIDAL'S VISIT TO SMALLVILLE, **SUPERBOY** IS BUSY GRAPPLING WITH THE STRANGE EMERGENCY THAT HAS TAKEN HIM FROM EARTH...



SUDDENLY, THE HUGE PROJECTILE RELEASED BY VIDAL'S PEOPLE SMASHES INTO THE ASTEROID, AND...



AND MOMENTS LATER, TWO MEN WATCH THE SCENE WITH GRIM SATISFACTION, AS A GIANT PROJECTOR FLASHES IT ON THEIR WALL...

EVEN THOUGH THAT ASTEROID PRODUCES PERFECTLY HARMLESS RADIATIONS, OUR-SUPER-SCIENCE FOOLED **SUPERBOY** INTO THINKING THEY WERE DEADLY!



YES... AND NOW HE WILL WASTE MANY DAYS CATCHING THE FRAGMENTS AND DISPOSING OF THEM! MEANWHILE, VIDAL CAN WORK! **SUPERBOY** WILL NOT RETURN FOR A WHILE!

NEXT DAY, PA KENT WATCHES AS ALLEN HELPS HIM IN HIS GENERAL STORE...

I DAREN'T TELL THE AUTHORITIES WHAT I KNOW... FOR I'VE PROMISED TO CONCEAL HIS SECRET IDENTITY... AND WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'LL DO IF I BROKE THAT PROMISE! ANYWAY, WITHOUT **SUPERBOY** AROUND... NO ONE ON EARTH IS A MATCH FOR HIM!

I'LL GET THE PHONE, DAD!



A SECOND LATER...

THAT WAS JIM HASTING, DAD! HE SAID THERE'S A CRACK IN THE DAM, AND YOU SHOULD TELL HIS WIFE HE'LL BE THERE WORKING ALL DAY! HE CAN'T GET HER BECAUSE THE PHONE'S BUSY! THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, THOUGH! I'LL USE MY **SUPER-POWERS** TO FIX THE DAM!



AS PA KENT WALKS OUTSIDE THE STORE TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE, SUDDENLY...

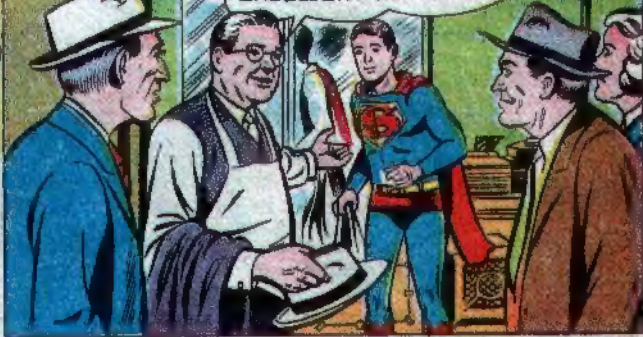
KENT, LOOK... YOUR NEW FOSTER SON... CHANGED TO A **SUPERBOY** COSTUME! HE MUST BE **SUPERBOY**!

GOOD HEAVENS! HOW CARELESS OF HIM! HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS A TWO-WAY MIRROR! I PROMISED TO TRY TO CONCEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM, AND I'D BETTER... BUT **HOW?**



AS PEOPLE GATHER TO WATCH, PA KENT'S THOUGHTS RACE RAPIDLY, AND THEN HE INVITES THEM ALL INSIDE HIS STORE...

A VERY NICE DEMONSTRATION, ALLEN! THANKS, SON! NOW, WOULD ANY OF YOU PEOPLE CARE TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THAT **SUPERBOY** COSTUME? EXCELLENT MATERIAL!



OF COURSE IT'S NOT INVULNERABLE LIKE THE REAL **SUPERBOY** COSTUME, BUT IT IS LONG-WEARING AND WASHABLE! I'M TAKING ORDERS ON THEM! ANY OF YOU CARE TO BUY ONE FOR YOUR SON?

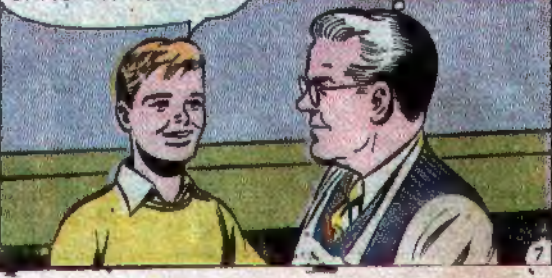
HA, HA! THAT SURE WAS A CLEVER AD, KENT! HAD ME FOOLED FOR A SECOND! I THOUGHT HE WAS THE **REAL SUPERBOY**!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, WHEN PA AND ALLEN ARE ALONE...

THANKS, ER... DAD! THAT WAS REALLY VERY CLEVER! BY HIDING THE FACT THAT I'M POSING AS **SUPERBOY**, YOU'VE HELPED ME... AND NOW I'M GOING TO HELP THE TOWN, BY FIXING THAT CRACK IN THE DAM!

I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO HELP HIM -- BUT SINCE HE SEEMS TO HAVE **SUPERBOY** IN HIS POWER... WHAT CHOICE HAVE I?



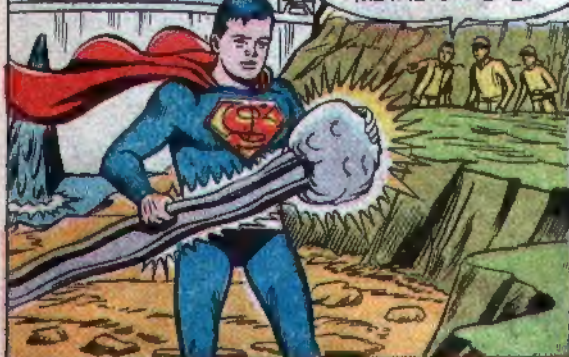


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PRESENTLY, NEAR THE DAM...

LOOK AT **SUPERBOY!**
HE'S USING HIS
SUPER-STRENGTH
TO CRUSH THAT
GIRDER INTO A LARGE
METAL SPHERE.

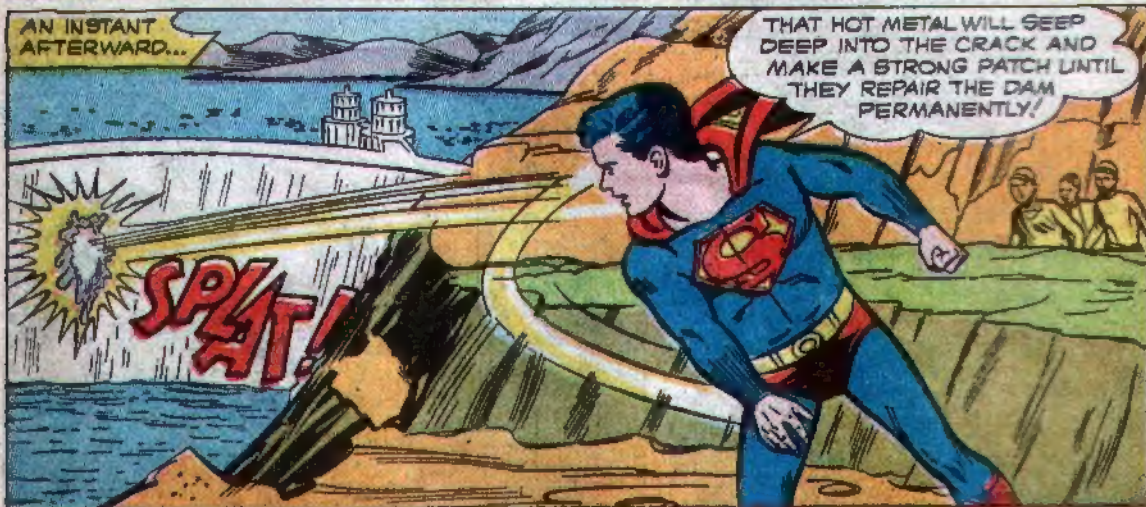


HE'S THROWING IT LIKE A SNOWBALL...
AT THE CRACK IN THE DAM! IT'S
GOING THROUGH THE AIR SO FAST
THAT FRICTION IS MELTING IT!



AN INSTANT
AFTERWARD...

THAT HOT METAL WILL SEEP
DEEP INTO THE CRACK AND
MAKE A STRONG PATCH UNTIL
THEY REPAIR THE DAM
PERMANENTLY!



THAT EVENING, MA AND PA KENT STARE
SADLY AT THE DISTANT, DARK SKY...

OUR SON IS
SOMEWHERE UP
THERE! I WONDER...
WHEN WE WILL
GEE HIM AGAIN!

HE...HE'S ALL RIGHT,
MA! IF ONLY WE KNEW
WHAT **VIDAL'S** MISSION
IS... AND WHY HE'S
KEEPING **SUPERBOY**
AWAY!



AND NEXT DAY, AS PA WORKS AT THE GENERAL
STORE AFTER A SLEEPLESS NIGHT...

REPORTS ARE THAT THE LONG-
SMOLDERING KILMA VOLCANO
IS ERUPTING FURIOUSLY... A
STRANGE GREEN LAVA... WE
HAVE A MAN ON THE SCENE,
AND I'LL SWITCH YOU TO HIM,
WHERE YOU'LL GET AN
EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT!

I'LL GO
THERE... AND THIS
TIME I'LL BE MORE
CAREFUL ABOUT
KEEPING MY
IDENTITY
SECRET!





MOMENTS LATER, AS PA LISTENS TO HIS RADIO...

FOLKS, **SUPERBOY** IS COMING... AND HE HAS SOMETHING WITH HIM HE MUST HAVE PICKED UP ON THE WAY!

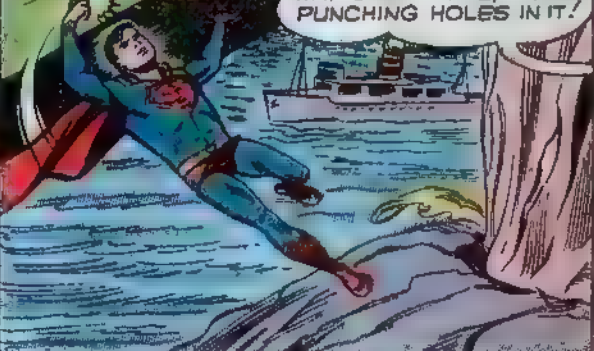
ONLY MA AND I KNOW HE'S **NOT SUPERBOY**, AND WE DAREN'T TELL ANYONE!



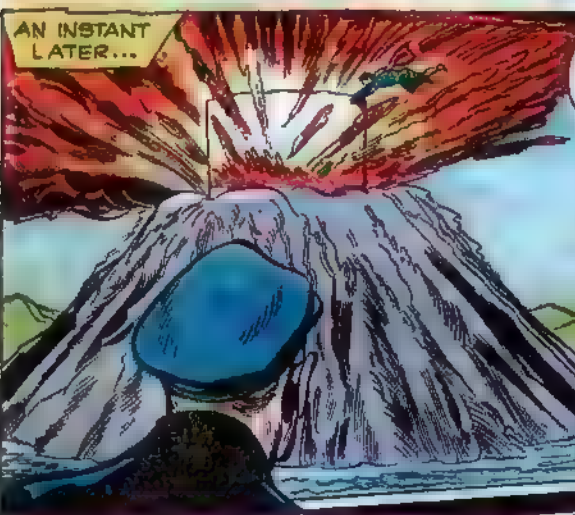
PA LISTENS INTENTLY TO AN ON-THE-SPOT ANNOUNCER WHO OBSERVES AN AMAZING SCENE...

WHAMP

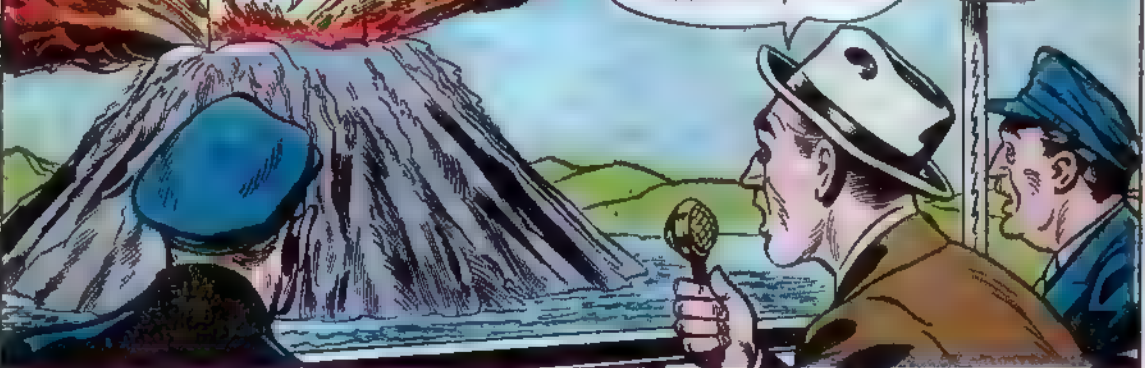
HE'S HOLDING A GIANT STORAGE TANK HE MUST HAVE PICKED UP ON HIS WAY OVER HERE, AND IS PUNCHING HOLES IN IT!



AN INSTANT LATER...



HE'S RAMMED IT ON TOP OF THE VOLCANO, SEALING IT OFF... AND THE HOLES ARE LETTING THE PRESSURE ESCAPE HARMLESSLY! THIS IS ONE OF THE CLEVEREST SUPER-FEATS I'VE EVER SEEN, FOLKS!



LATER, ALLEN RETURNS TO THE KENT GENERAL STORE, WHERE HE MEETS LANA LANG, THE KENTS' YOUNG AND INQUISITIVE NEIGHBOR...

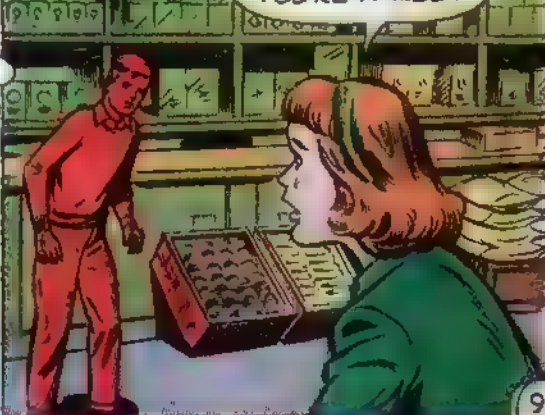
ALLEN! YOU--YOU'RE ALL **GREEN**! Y-YOU MUST BE **SUPERBOY**--JUST COME BACK FROM THAT VOLCANO THAT WAS ERUPTING **GREEN** PAINT!

GOOD HEAVENS! HOW CAN HE BE SO CARELESS! I... I'LL HAVE TO TRY TO GET HIM OUT OF THIS FIX!



ONCE AGAIN, PA THINKS FAST AND FURIOUSLY, AND THEN...

WH-WHAT'S N-NOW YOU'RE **R-RED**!





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AND N-NOW YOU'RE **GREEN** AGAIN! AND I--I'M GREEN, TOO! I--I GET IT... THAT NEON LIGHT SIGN OUTSIDE... CHANGING FROM RED TO GREEN! IT SURE HAD ME FOOLED!

KENT
GENERAL
STORE

I SNAPPED THE SIGN SWITCH JUST IN TIME! **WHUE!** THAT WAS A NARROW ESCAPE! BUT ONCE AGAIN I MANAGED TO PROTECT **VIDAL'S** IDENTITY!

MEANWHILE, OUT IN SPACE, **SUPERBOY** FINISHES UP HIS EMERGENCY CHORE...

USING SOME OF THE FRAGMENTS TO SMASH OTHERS TO USELESS BITS, THIS JOB TOOK LESS TIME THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD! I'VE BEEN GONE FROM EARTH LONG ENOUGH, AND I'M **HAGER** TO GET HOME!

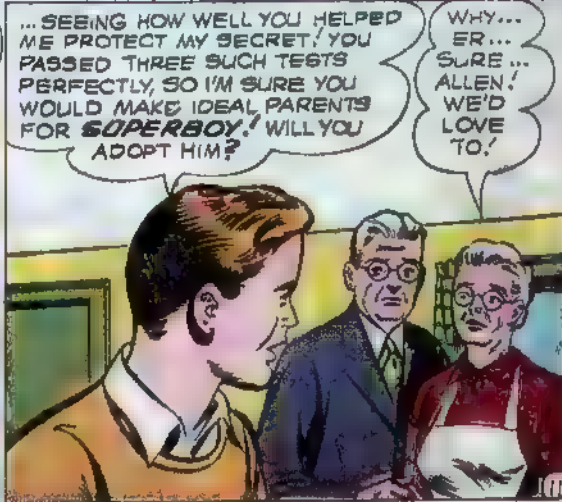
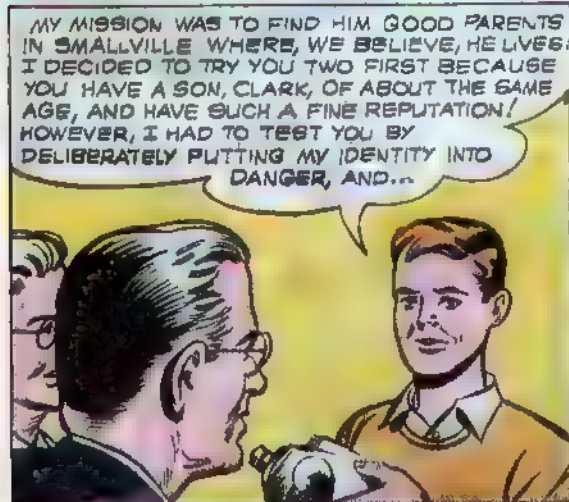
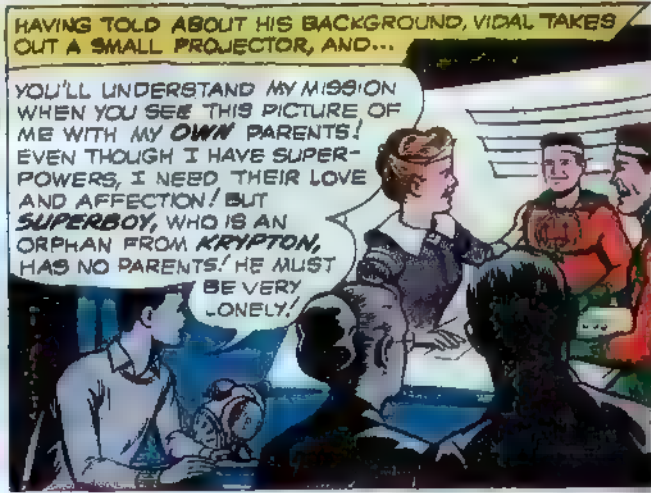
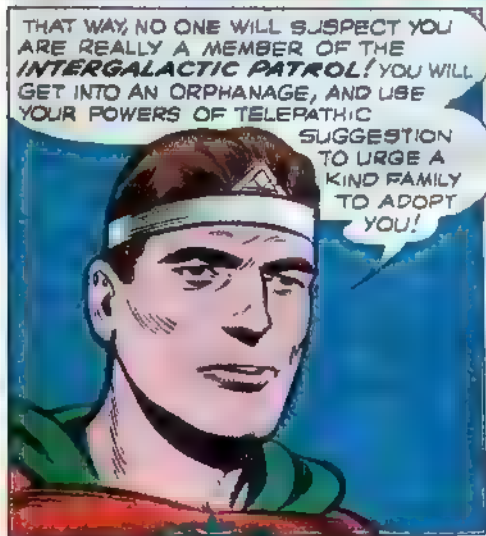
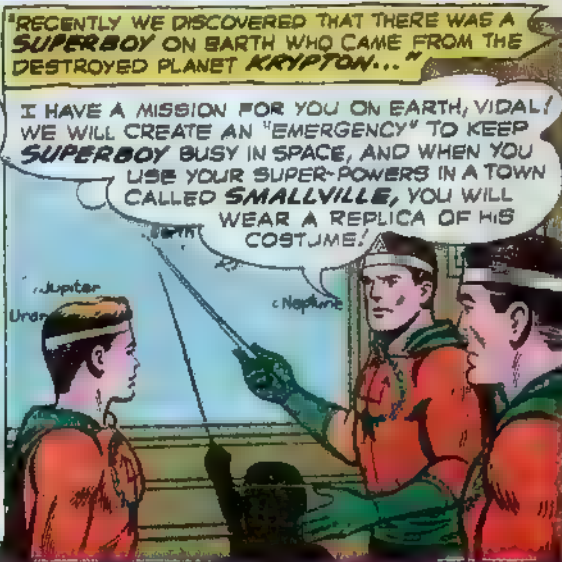
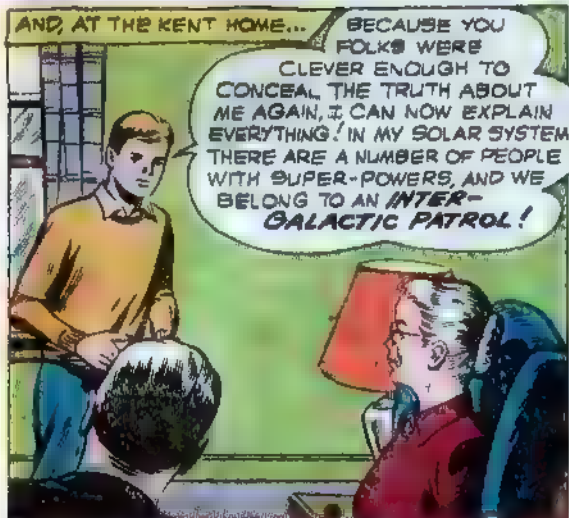
AS THE **BOY OF STEEL** SPEEDS BACK TOWARD HIS OWN SOLAR SYSTEM...

I NEVER SAW **THAT** PLANET BEFORE! I'LL USE MY X-RAY VISION AS I PASS TO GET A QUICK GLIMPSE INSIDE THEIR BUILDINGS AND LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT **THEIR** CIVILIZATION!

THEY'RE CERTAINLY AN **ADVANCED** PEOPLE... YEARS AHEAD OF EARTH AND... **WH-WHAT?** THERE'S A KIND OF GIANT TELEVISION SCREEN IN THERE; AND IT'S PICKING UP...

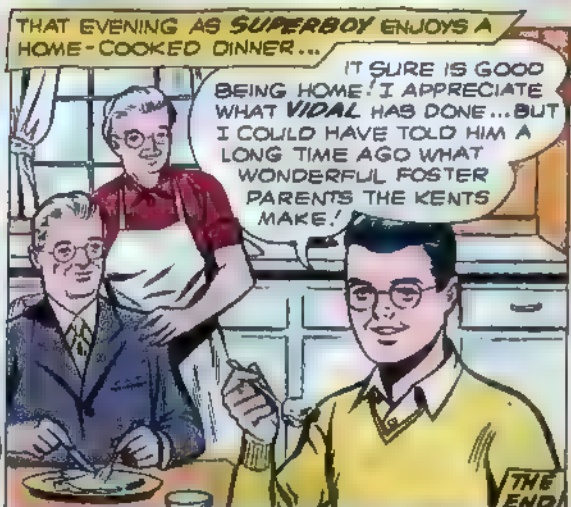
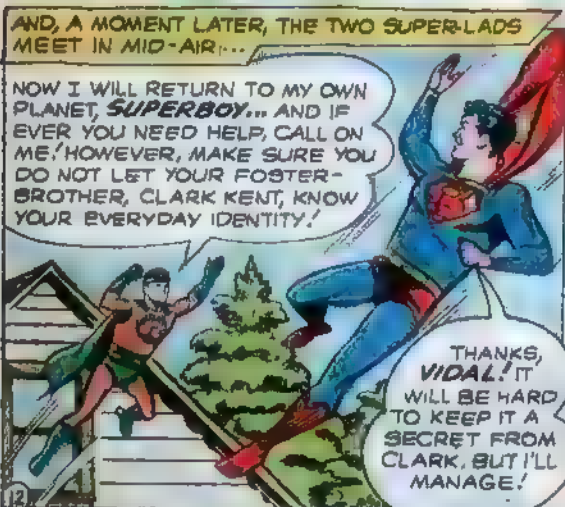
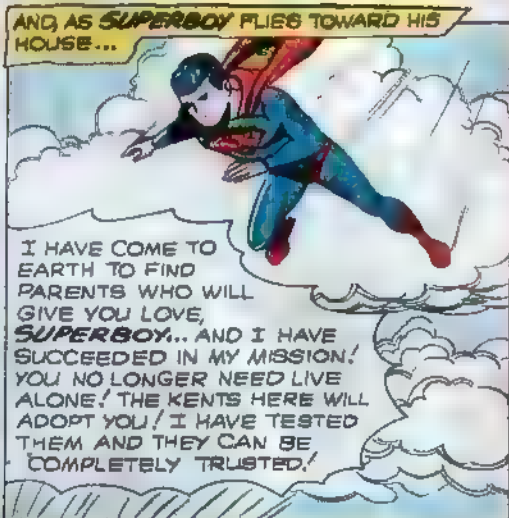
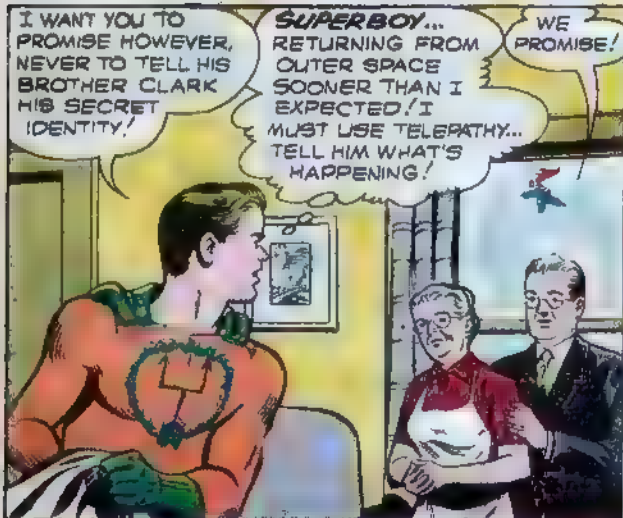
THANKS AGAIN FOR CONCEALING THE FACT THAT I HAVE **SUPER-POWERS**, DAD!

...A SCENE FROM EARTH... A STRANGE BOY IN A **SUPERBOY** COSTUME LIVING WITH MY FOSTER PARENTS! I... I MUST HURRY BACK... **FIND** OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!





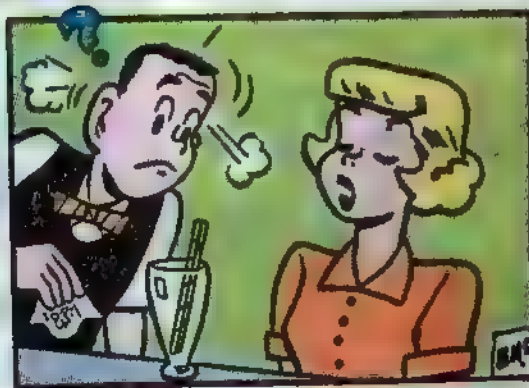
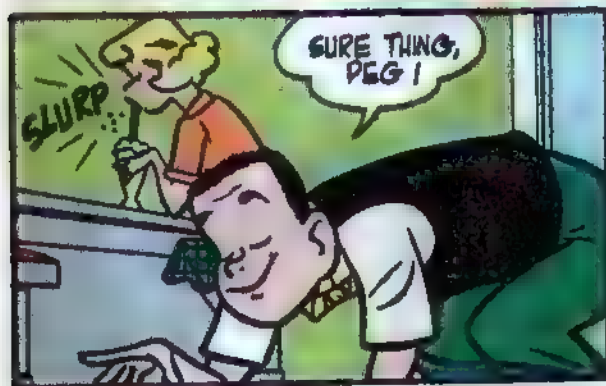
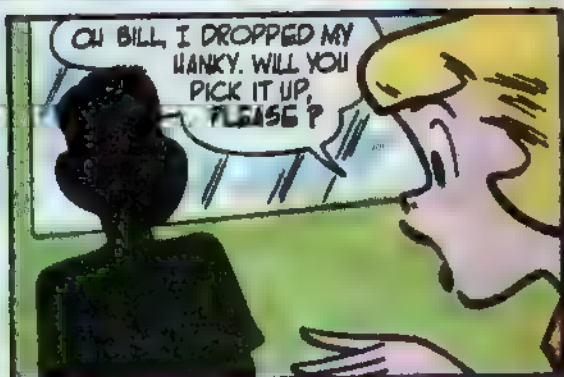
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A great circus clown they call Andy,
Whose antics are sure fun and dandy,
Said, "The smile that you see
Is not painted on me—
It's because I eat **Tootsie Roll** candy!"





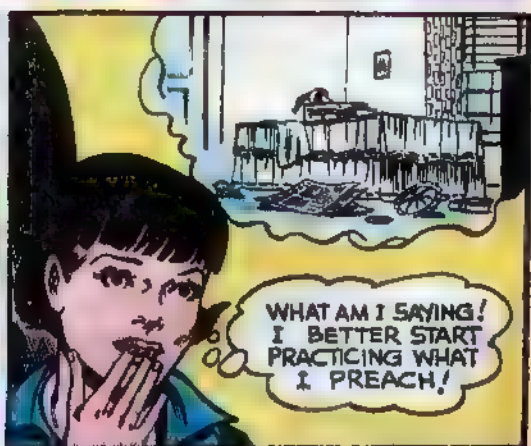
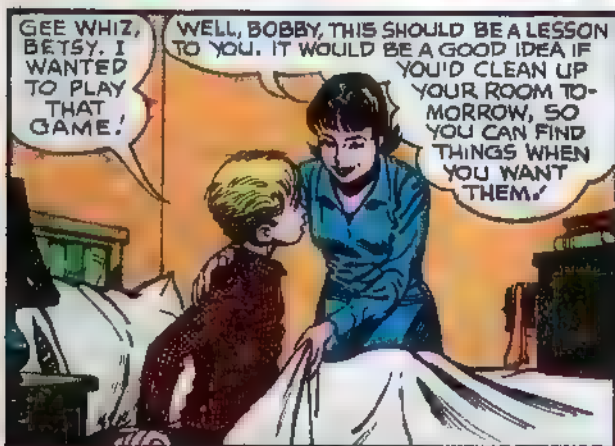
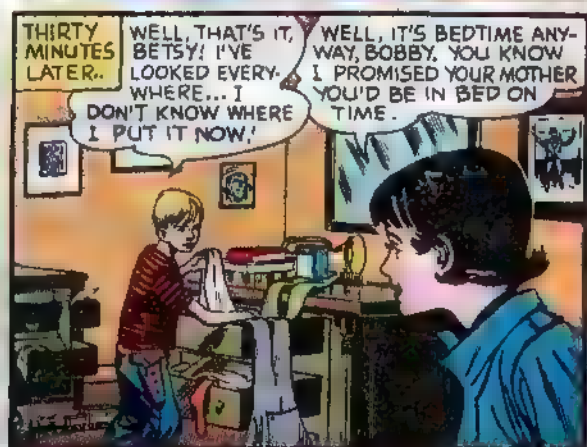
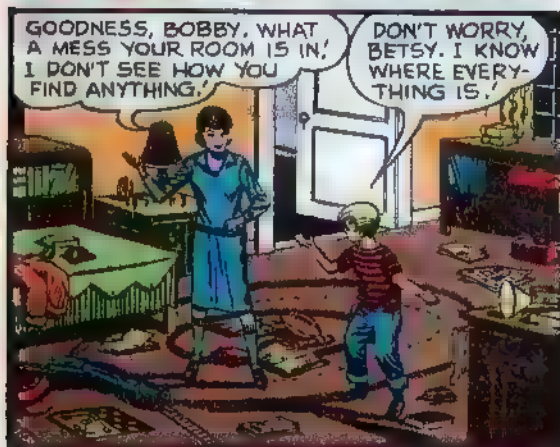
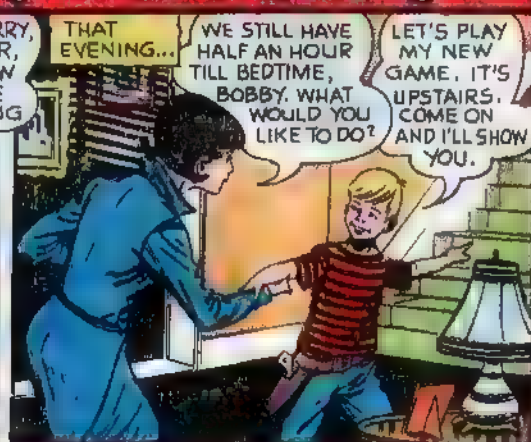
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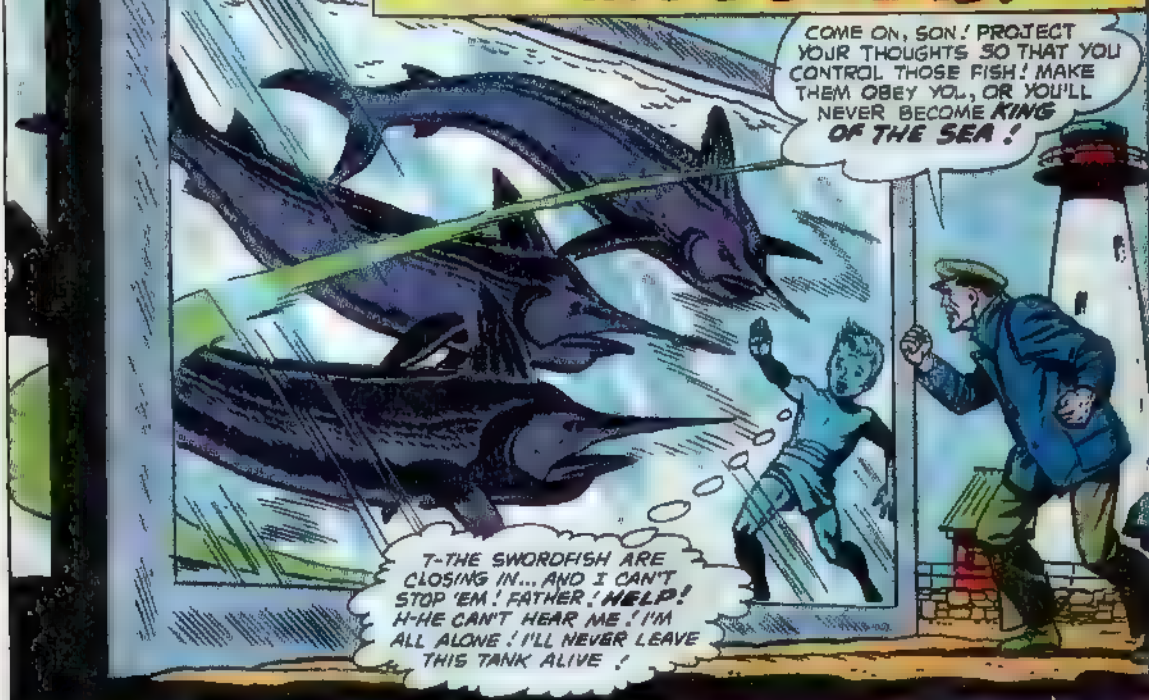


AQUAMAN

THE AMAZING STORY OF **AQUAMAN'S** YOUTH IS THE SECRET OF ONE MAN--**AQUAMAN HIMSELF!** UNTIL NOW, NOTHING COULD WREST THE MYSTERY OF HIS PAST

FROM **AQUAMAN'S** SEALED LIPS! BUT WHEN AN ATOMIC DEPTH CHARGE STREAKS TOWARD THE OCEAN FLOOR, THE ASTOUNDING SECRET MUST BE REVEALED! THIS, THEN, IS THE STRANGE, UNTOLD TALE OF--

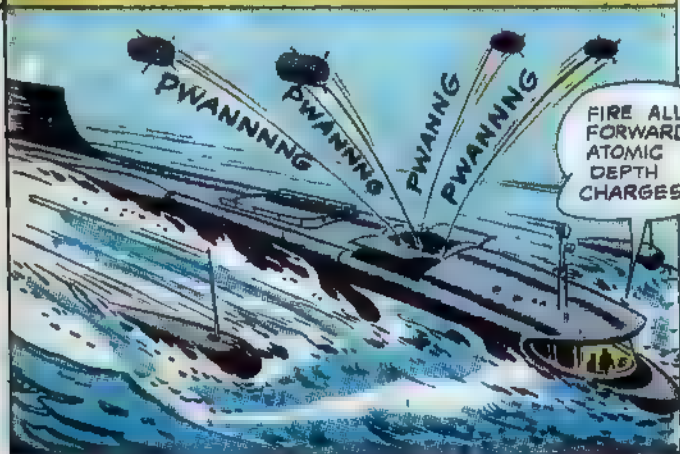
"HOW AQUAMAN GOT HIS POWERS!"



COME ON, SON! PROJECT YOUR THOUGHTS SO THAT YOU CONTROL THOSE FISH! MAKE THEM OBEY YOU, OR YOU'LL NEVER BECOME KING OF THE SEA!

T-THE SWORDFISH ARE CLOSING IN... AND I CAN'T STOP 'EM! FATHER! **HELP!** H-HE CAN'T HEAR ME! I'M ALL ALONE! I'LL NEVER LEAVE THIS TANK ALIVE!

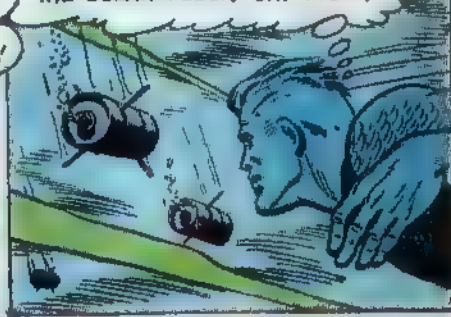
ONE DAY, AS A STRANGE-LOOKING SUBMARINE STREAKS ALONG THE OCEAN SURFACE, AT FANTASTIC SPEED...

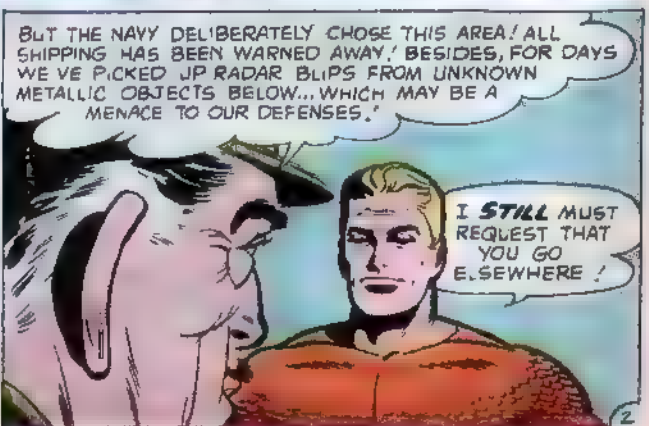
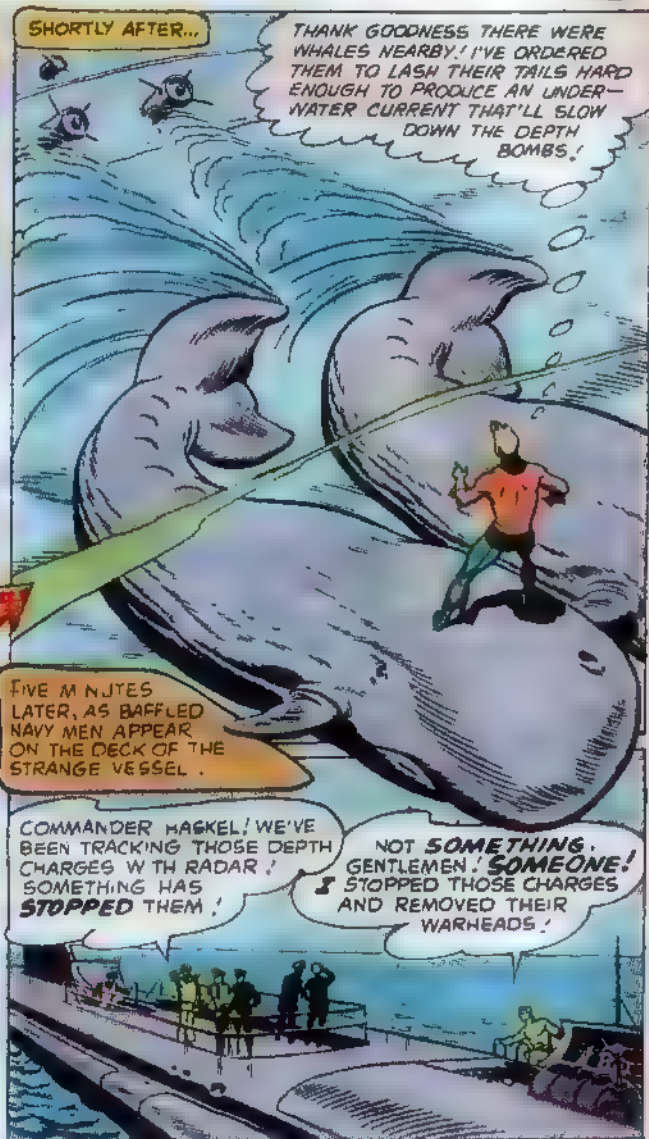
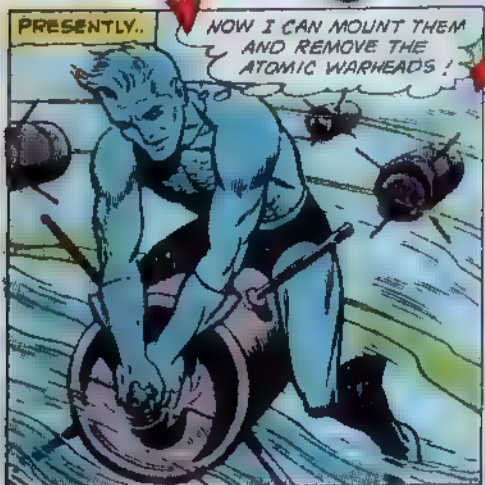
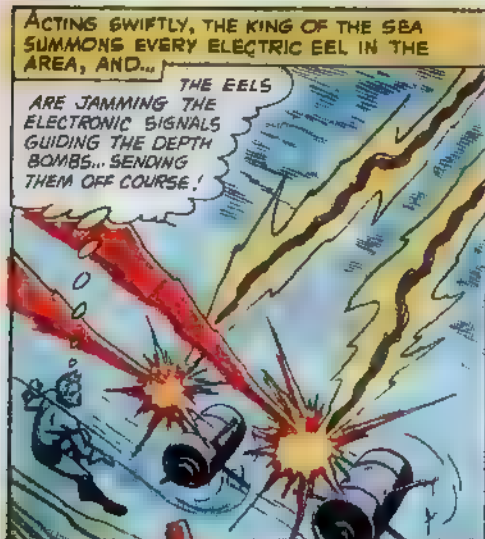


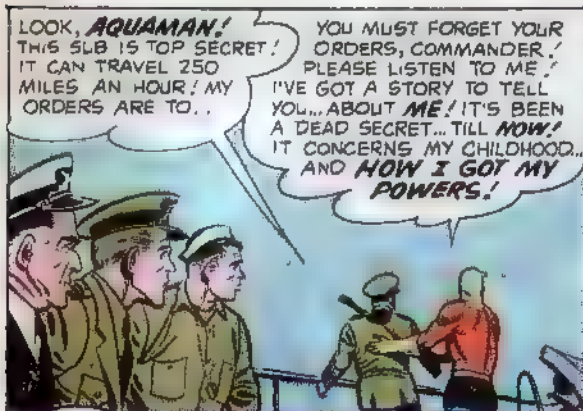
FIRE ALL FORWARD ATOMIC DEPTH CHARGES!

MOMENTS LATER, AS **AQUAMAN** STREAKS BY, UNDERWATER...

GREAT NEPTUNE! IT'S LUCKY I WAS PATROLLING THESE WATERS! THOSE DEPTH BOMBS ARE FITTED WITH **ATOMIC WARHEADS!** WHEN THEY HIT THE BOTTOM, THEY'LL BLOW THE OCEAN FLOOR SKY-HIGH!







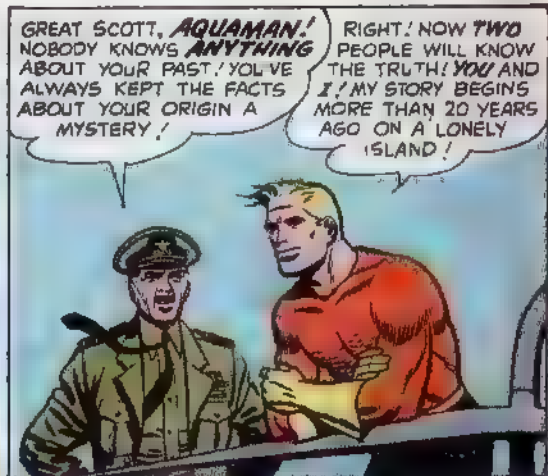
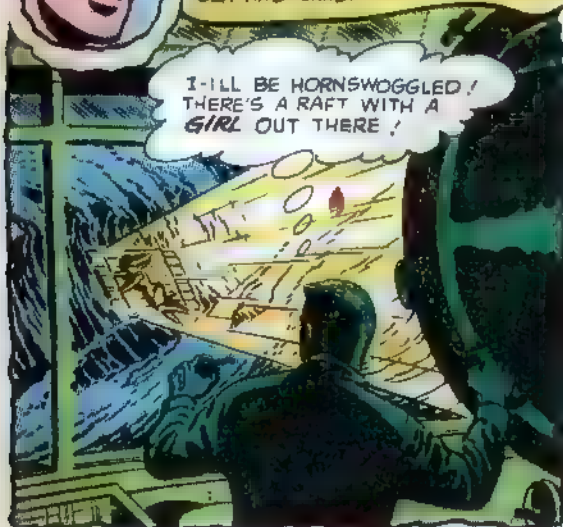
LOOK, **AQUAMAN!** THIS SUB IS TOP SECRET! IT CAN TRAVEL 250 MILES AN HOUR! MY ORDERS ARE TO...

YOU MUST FORGET YOUR ORDERS, COMMANDER! PLEASE LISTEN TO ME! I'VE GOT A STORY TO TELL YOU... ABOUT **ME!** IT'S BEEN A DEAD SECRET... TILL **NOW!** IT CONCERNS MY CHILDHOOD... AND **HOW I GOT MY POWERS!**



"MY FATHER, TOM CURRY, AN EX-SAILOR, LIVED A SOLITARY EXISTENCE AS A LIGHTHOUSE-KEEPER. ONE EVENING, WHILE A HURRICANE RAGED OVER SEA AND LAND."

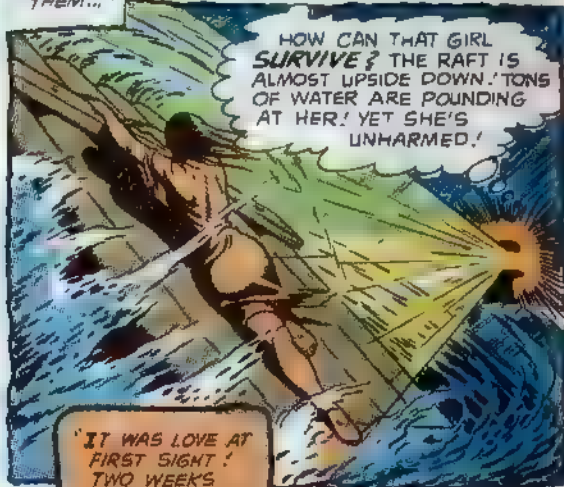
I'LL BE HORNSWAGGLED! THERE'S A RAFT WITH A **GIRL** OUT THERE!



GREAT SCOTT, **AQUAMAN!** NOBODY KNOWS **ANYTHING** ABOUT YOUR PAST! YOU'VE ALWAYS KEPT THE FACTS ABOUT YOUR ORIGIN A MYSTERY!

RIGHT! NOW **TWO** PEOPLE WILL KNOW THE TRUTH! **YOU** AND **I!** MY STORY BEGINS MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO ON A LONELY ISLAND!

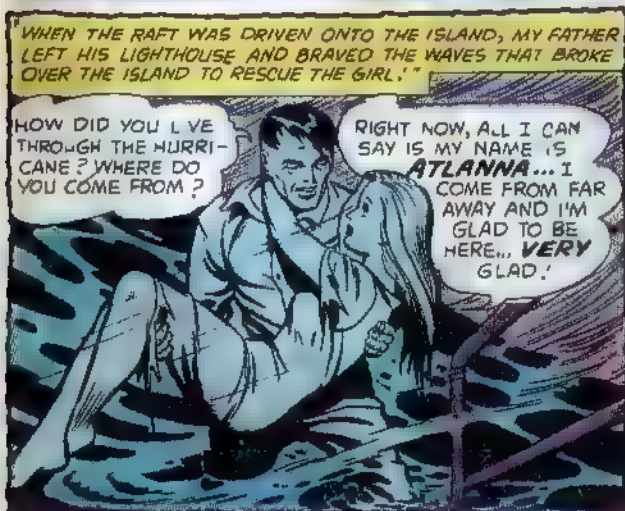
"MY FATHER COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS EYES! THE STORM STRUCK REPEATEDLY AT THE FRAIL RAFT AND ITS PASSENGER, BUT FAILED TO SEPARATE THEM..."



HOW CAN THAT GIRL **SURVIVE?** THE RAFT IS ALMOST UPSIDE DOWN! TONS OF WATER ARE POUNDING AT HER! YET SHE'S UNHARMED!

"IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT! TWO WEEKS LATER, THEY WERE MARRIED! A YEAR LATER I WAS BORN, AND THEY NAMED ME ARTHUR! BUT FOR ALL THE LOVE BETWEEN MY PARENTS, THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGELY DIFFERENT ABOUT MY MOTHER..."

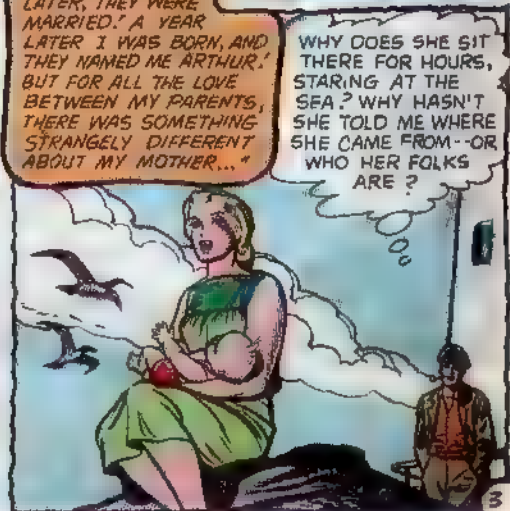
WHY DOES SHE SIT THERE FOR HOURS, STARING AT THE SEA? WHY HASN'T SHE TOLD ME WHERE SHE CAME FROM - OR WHO HER FOLKS ARE?



WHEN THE RAFT WAS DRIVEN ONTO THE ISLAND, MY FATHER LEFT HIS LIGHTHOUSE AND BRAVED THE WAVES THAT BROKE OVER THE ISLAND TO RESCUE THE GIRL!

HOW DID YOU LIVE THROUGH THE HURRICANE? WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?

RIGHT NOW, ALL I CAN SAY IS MY NAME IS **ATLANNA**... I COME FROM FAR AWAY AND I'M GLAD TO BE HERE... **VERY GLAD!**

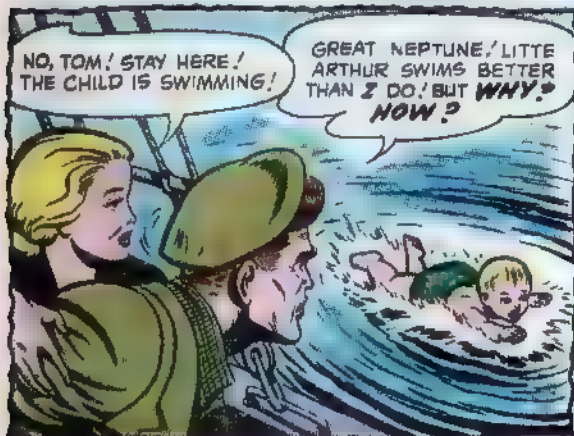




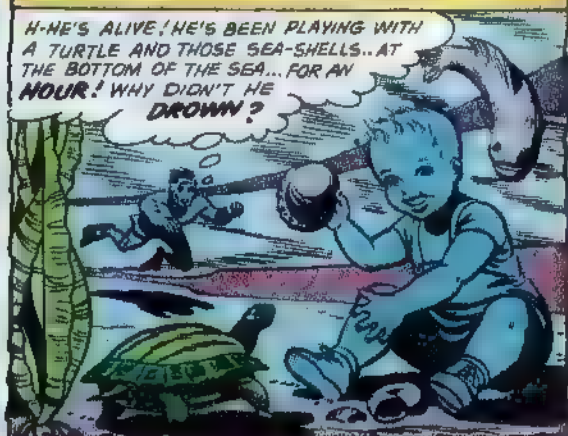
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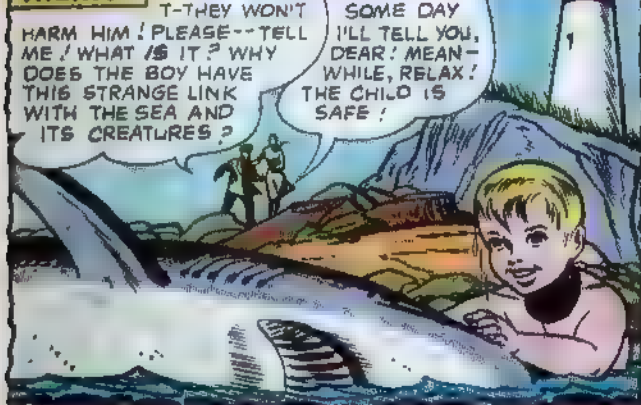
"THE MYSTERY KEPT DEEPENING. WHEN I WAS TEN MONTHS OLD, I FELL OVER THE SIDE OF A FISHING BOAT. WHEN MY FATHER TRIED TO RESCUE ME..."



"AT THE AGE OF TWO, WHILE SWIMMING, I STRUCK MY HEAD AGAINST A DERELICT...AND SANK OUT OF SIGHT FOR AN HOUR! WHEN FATHER DISCOVERED ME..."

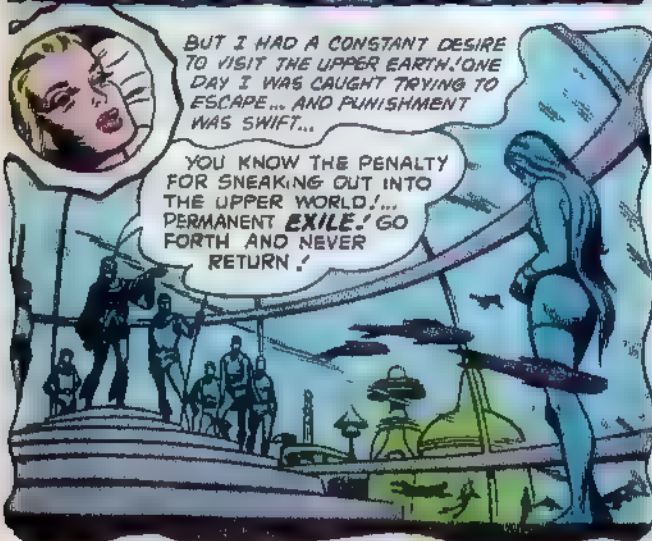


"WHEN I WAS THREE, SHARKS INVADDED THE COVE WHERE I SWAM. -THEY DIDN'T TOUCH ME! BUT MY FATHER WAS SHOCKED WHEN HE SAW ME TOUCH THEM!"

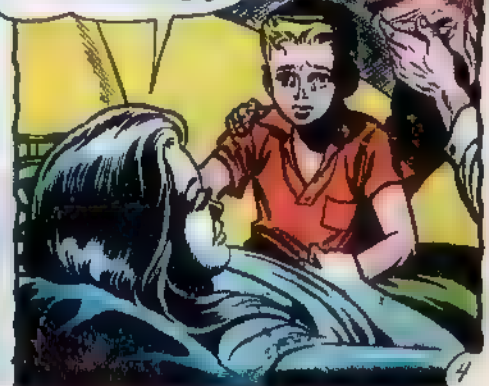


"THEN ON THE SAD DAY WHEN MOTHER LAY ON HER DEATHBED, SHE FINALLY TOLD FATHER EVERYTHING..."

I COME FROM **ATLANTIS**, A CONTINENT THAT SANK INTO THE SEA AGES AGO. OUR PEOPLE HAD TO ADAPT TO A WATERY EXISTENCE! WE GRADUALLY BECAME LIKE FISH... CAPABLE OF ALL UNDERWATER FEATS!



YOU, MY SON, HAVE INHERITED MY ABILITY TO LIVE UNDERWATER! YOU HAVE THE POWER TO COMMUNICATE WITH SEA CREATURES, TO PERFORM GREAT WATER FEATS... AND TO BECOME **RULER OF THE OCEANS!**





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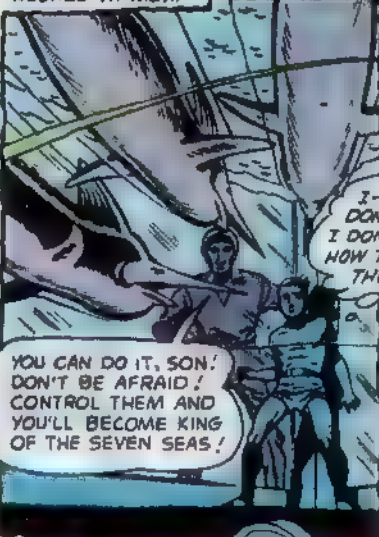


"AFTER MOTHER DIED, FATHER BUILT A BIG TANK AND STOCKED IT WITH SEA CREATURES. SO I COULD DEVELOP MY MASTERY OVER FISH. NOTHING CAME EASY OR WITHOUT PERIL..."

REMEMBER WHAT YOUR MOTHER SAID, SON! YOU CAN... AND **MUST...** CONTROL SEA CREATURES! GO BELOW AND CONTROL THEM!

BUT HOW, FATHER? I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

"INDEED I DIDN'T! THE SECOND I ENTERED THE TANK, THREE SWORD-FISH, ANGERED AT MY PRESENCE, RUSHED AT ME..."

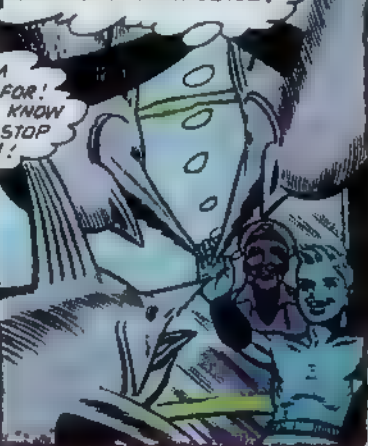


YOU CAN DO IT, SON! DON'T BE AFRAID! CONTROL THEM AND YOU'LL BECOME KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS!

"SUDDENLY, AS IF BY PURE INSTINCT, I HELD OUT MY HAND AS IF TO COMMAND THEM, AND..."

I-I DID IT! THEY CAME TO A DEAD STOP! THIS IS THE TURNING POINT! NOW I CAN CONTROL FISH BY **TELEPATHY**! I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THEM THROUGH A SIXTH SENSE!

I-I'M DONE FOR! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STOP THEM!

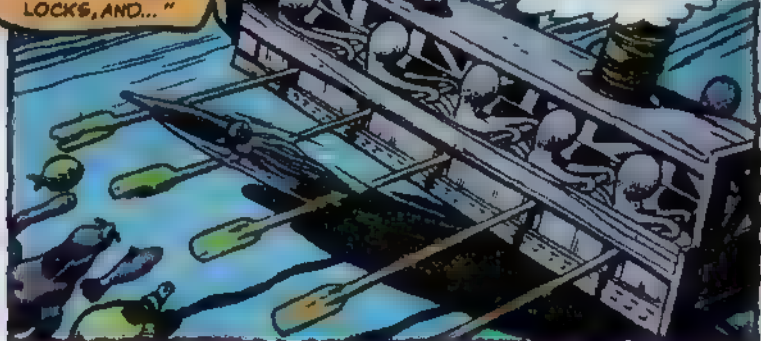


"ONE DAY, SWIMMING ON THE OCEAN BOTTOM, I SPIED A GIANT SQUID PINNED UNDER THE SHIFTED WRECK OF A ROMAN GALLEY..."

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FREE THAT SQUID! I'LL SUMMON A FLOCK OF OCTOPI TO HELP ME RESCUE IT!

"THE OCTOPI INSTINCTIVELY UNDERSTOOD MY COMMANDS! SOON AFTER, THE STRANGEST GROUP OF "OARSMEN" IN HISTORY SAT AT THE OAR LOCKS, AND..."

GOOD! THEY'VE ROWED THE GALLEY OFF THE SQUID'S BACK! I'VE SPREAD THE THOUGHT AMONG FISH FOR MILES AROUND THAT MY PURPOSE IS TO HELP THEM!--AND THE WORD WILL SPREAD!



"SPREAD IT DID! IN A MONTH'S TIME, EVERY SEA CREATURE CAME TO DO ME HOMAGE! THEY PARADED FOR DAYS PAST THE POINT WHERE I STOOD, SO THAT I COULD REVIEW THEM..."

THEY'RE PLEDGING ME TOTAL OBEDIENCE! MY MOTHER'S PREDICTION CAME TRUE! I'M RULER OF ALL THE OCEANS!

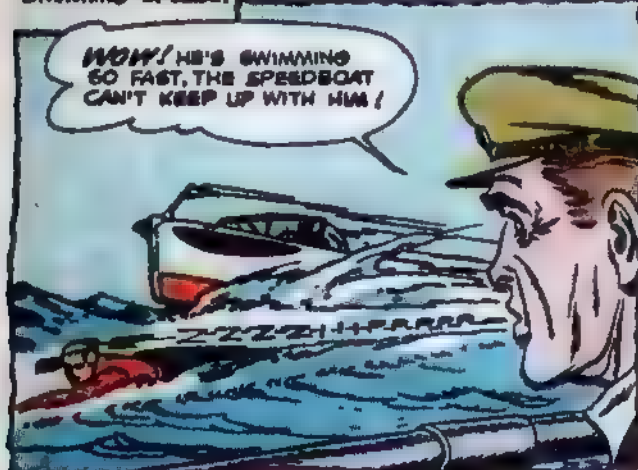




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"MEANWHILE, I KEPT IMPROVING ALL MY SKILLS, LIKE SWIMMING SPEED..."



"WOW! HE'S SWIMMING SO FAST, THE SPEEDBOAT CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIM!"

"FOR YEARS, FATHER TRIED TO OVERCOME MY FEAR OF HIGH DIVING. ONE DAY, WHEN I WAS WINDOW-CLEANING THE LIGHTHOUSE TOP, FATHER FELL INTO THE WATER..."



"FATHER'S IN TROUBLE! I-I MUST CONQUER MY FEAR OF HIGH DIVES! HERE GOES!"

"HELP! HELP!"

"I IMAGINE MY SHOCK WHEN I LEARNED FATHER HAD ONLY PRETENDED DROWNING TO MAKE ME MORE SELF-CONFIDENT ABOUT DIVING. HE BOUGHT ME BOOKS AND FILMS ABOUT MARINE LIFE AND ENCOURAGED ME TO TRAVEL THE SEVEN SEAS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE!"

"ONCE A YEAR I WENT TO A SCHOOL ON THE MAINLAND TO TAKE AN EXAM. I ALWAYS AMAZED THE TEACHER WITH MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE SEA..."

"AAA... ALL DEEP WATER FISH POSSESS LUMINESCENT ORGANS WHICH MAKE THEM SHINE IN THE DARK... LIKE THOSE HATCHET-FISH AND LANTERN-FISH!"



"SHARKS HAVE CHANGED LITTLE IN 100 MILLION YEARS! THEY HAVE NO BONES... ONLY CARTILAGE! THERE ARE 150 NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES! THRESHER SHARK, SOUPFIN SHARK, DOG-FISH SHARK, BROWN SHARK..."

"AMAZING! SIMPLY AMAZING!"



"FATHER TAUGHT ME TO DO GOOD WHEREVER I WENT. I PATROLLED THE SEAS TO HELP PEOPLE IN TROUBLE, BUT I HAD LOTS TO LEARN..."

"LEADING LADYFISH! THE WHALE'S TURNING BACK! HE WON'T TUG THAT FERRY OFF THE SAND BAR! I FORGOT WHALES WON'T ENTER FRESH WATER! GOSH, I WON'T MAKE THIS MISTAKE TWICE!"



"THEN CAME THE SECOND MOST TRAGIC DAY IN MY LIFE. MY FATHER PASSED AWAY AND WAS BURIED AT SEA..."

"HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED IT LIKE THIS, SINCE HE SPENT HALF HIS LIFE AT SEA!"





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AS **AQUAMAN** ABRUPTLY ENDS HIS NARRATIVE, THE SUB COMMANDER STARES AT HIM WONDERINGLY...

I APPRECIATE YOUR TRUST IN TELLING ME YOUR SECRET, WHICH I WILL NEVER REVEAL! BUT WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH MY **ATOMIC DEPTH BOMBS TESTS**?

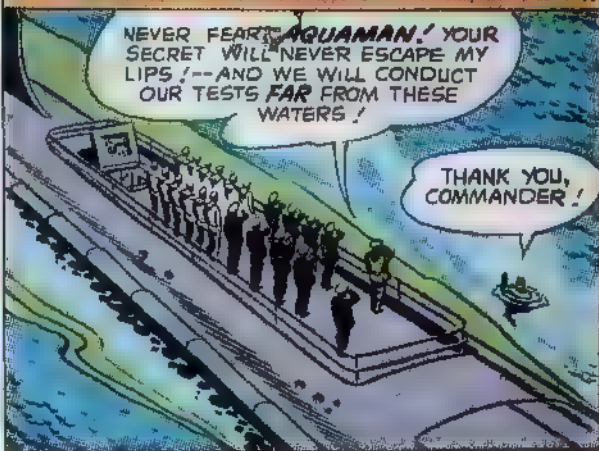
EVERYTHING, COMMANDER... ONE FINAL SECRET! I'LL WHISPER IT!



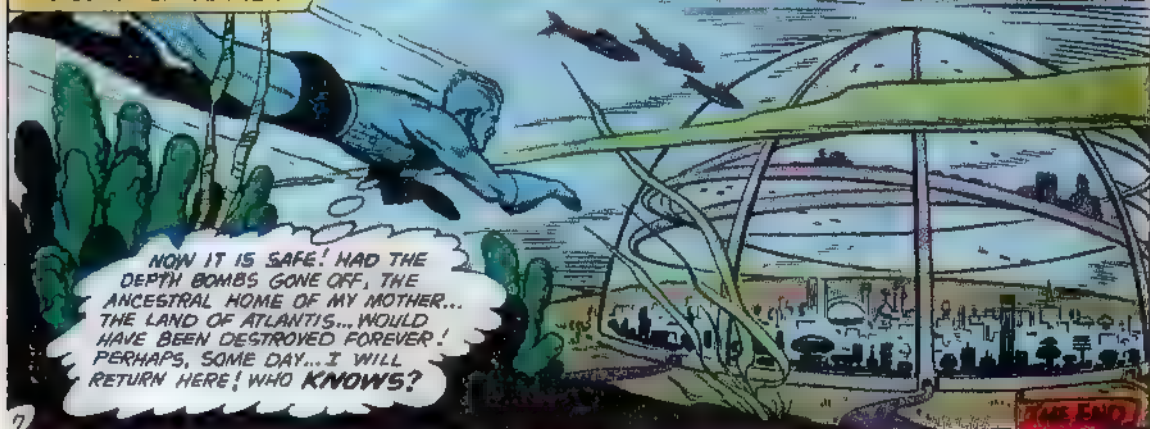
SHORTLY AFTER, THE SUB CRUISES AWAY! BUT AS IT PASSES **AQUAMAN**, THE ENTIRE CREW LINES UP TO DO TRIBUTE TO THE PROTECTOR OF THE SEVEN SEAS...

NEVER FEAR, **AQUAMAN**! YOUR SECRET WILL NEVER ESCAPE MY LIPS! --AND WE WILL CONDUCT OUR TESTS FAR FROM THESE WATERS!

THANK YOU, COMMANDER!



WHEN THE SUB VANISHES FROM THE HORIZON, **AQUAMAN** SWIMS BELOW...TOWARD A HUGE, GLASS-ENCLOSED CIVILIZATION...

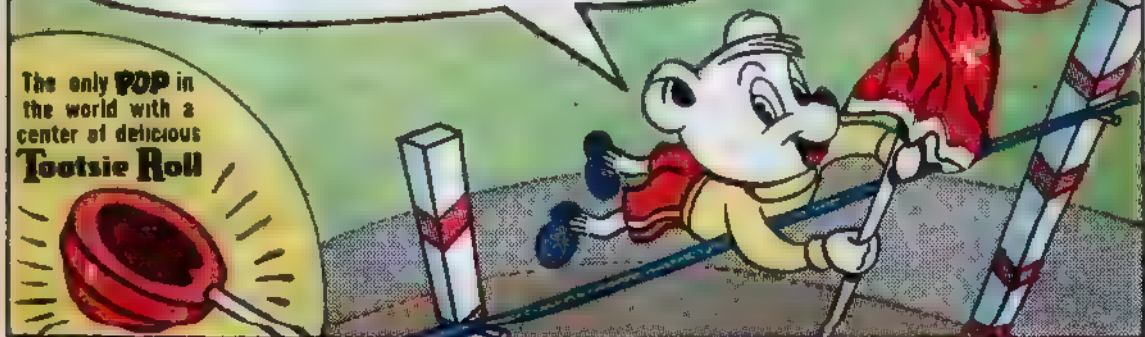


NOW IT IS SAFE! HAD THE DEPTH BOMBS GONE OFF, THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF MY MOTHER... THE LAND OF ATLANTIS... WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED FOREVER! PERHAPS, SOME DAY... I WILL RETURN HERE! WHO KNOWS?

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Dear Editor:

If KRYPTO, SUPERBOY's dog, is so super, why can't he learn to talk?

Judy Slutsky, Miami Beach, Fla.

(Give our Super-Dog time, Judy, and maybe he will. But did you know that he can bark in code?—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In the Feb. issue of ADVENTURE COMICS, in the story, "SUPERBOY Meets the First Two Supermen," the king exclaimed: "Great Pluto!" Pluto wasn't discovered until a few years ago. Who goofed?

James Carroll, Cranford, N.J.

(You did. The "Pluto" the king referred to was the ancient, mythological god of darkness—after whom astronomers named the planet Pluto.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In the recent story, "The Kryptonite Dragnet," we see SUPERBOY thrown into jail; if he was in his teens, why wasn't he sent to a reform school?

Paul Choquette, St. Hyacinthe, P.Q.

(Back when SUPERMAN was a lad, they didn't have many reform schools, especially in Smallville.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In the Jan. issue of ADVENTURE COMICS, SUPERBOY painted an iron meteor with luminous green paint to fool everyone into thinking it was real Kryptonite. However, later in the story, when the phony police chief had the meteor melted down to form "Kryptonite" bars for SUPERBOY's jail cell, what caused the metal to remain green?

Danny Dawkins, Darlington, S.C.

(Obviously, SUPERBOY must have secretly impregnated the iron meteor with artificial coloring to prevent his ruse from being detected.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

If SUPERBOY's hair and nails can only grow outside of Earth's atmosphere, how did SUPERBABY grow to SUPERBOY and then to SUPERMAN?

Jay W. Waks, Paterson, N.J.

(Every SUPERBOY fan knows that the Babe of Steel and the Boy of Steel made innumerable trips into outer space, on various missions, during his early years. And whenever he was not

exposed to Earth's atmosphere, his cellular growth progressed.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Could you please tell me how the Green Arrow fits the different arrows in his quiver? I'd have quite a time trying to fit the Hook Arrow, Ink Arrow, Siren Arrow, Rocket Arrow, Boxing Glove Arrow, Boomerang Arrow, Net Arrow, Drill Arrow, Tear-Gas Arrow, Smoke Screen Arrow, Two-Way Radio Arrow, Two-Stage Rocket Arrow, Illuminated Balloon Arrow, Dry Ice Arrow, Firecracker Arrow, Rope Arrow, Flare Arrow, Hell-Spotter Arrow, Cable Arrow, Cacao Arrow, and many other arrows, into my quiver. Please explain.

Billy Hawkins, San Francisco, Calif.

(Sorry, but for security reasons, the G.A. has pledged us to secrecy on this point.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In the Feb. issue you pictured KRYPTO disguised in a robe and mask borrowed from the witch doctor of a pygmy tribe. After being hit with a tree, a rockslide and a spear, why wasn't Krypto's disguise ripped to shreds?

Ronnie Cott, Greenfield, Ind.

(This time somebody did goof—ye editor!)

Dear Editor:

In the March issue, you show SUPERBOY meeting young Oliver Queen practicing to be the Green Arrow when he is a youth. Yet, in the Jan. issue, you show Oliver Queen, as an adult, on an island, making his first decision to become a masked archer. Thus, you present two different origins of Green Arrow. Which one is true?

Timothy Roberts, Los Angeles, Calif.

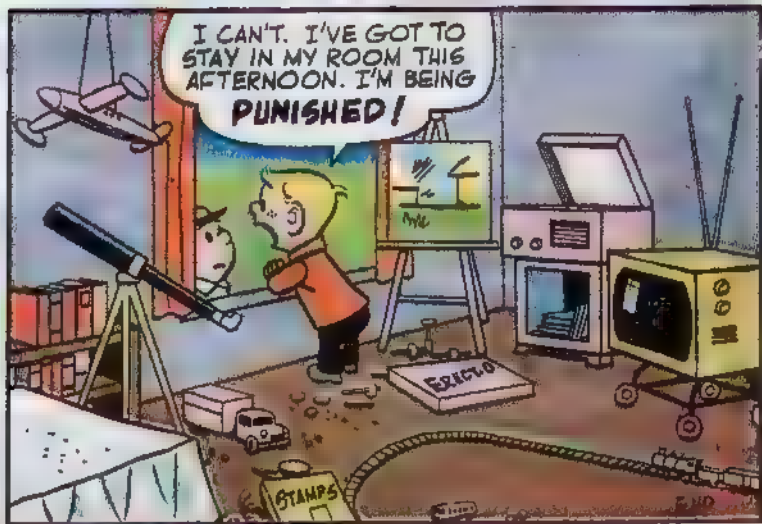
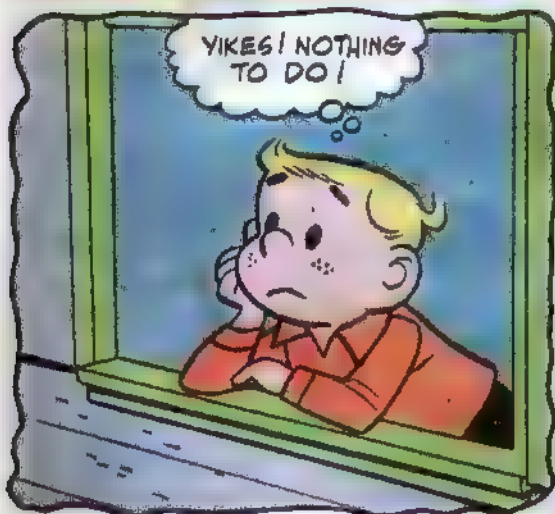
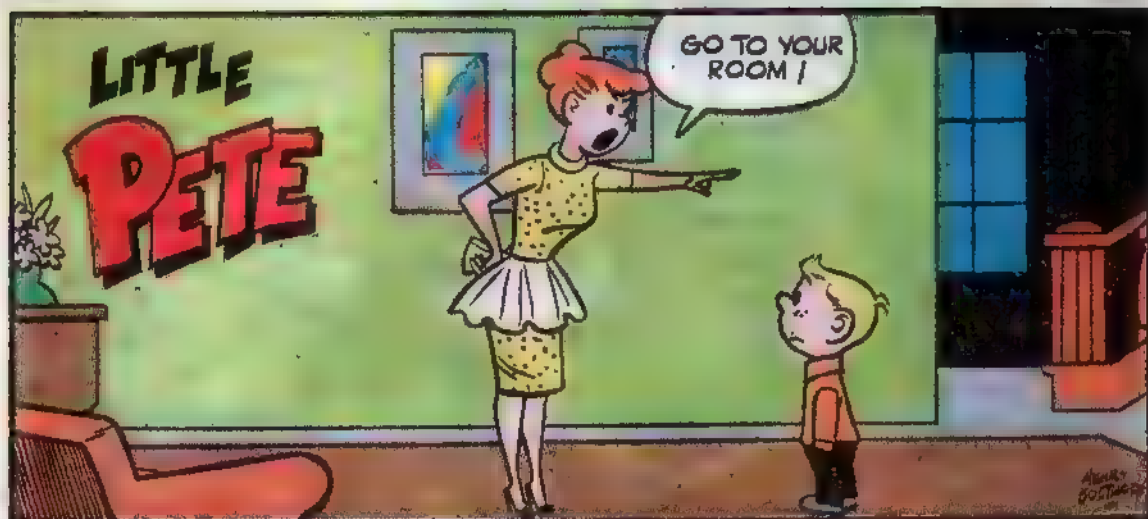
(Both versions are correct. When young Oliver Queen met SUPERBOY, Oliver was practicing to be Robin Hood—not a future Green Arrow, and gave up in despair, because he was so clumsy with arrows. However, in later years, when he was shipwrecked on that island and trained himself daily in the use of arrows, he developed the potential SUPERBOY had seen in him many years previously.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

SUPERMAN has his "Fortress of Solitude." BATMAN has his Bat-Cave and the Green Arrow has his secret Arrow-Cave. Why then, don't you give AQUAMAN an undersea lair—an Aqua-Cave.

Rhoda Koenig, Corona, N.Y.

(Great idea.—Ed.)



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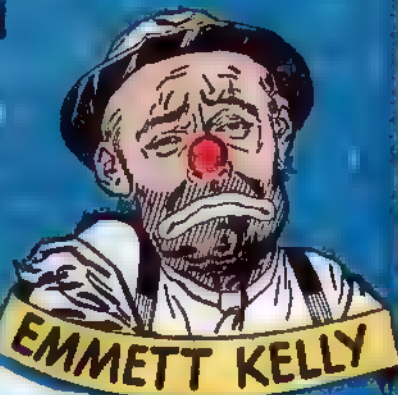
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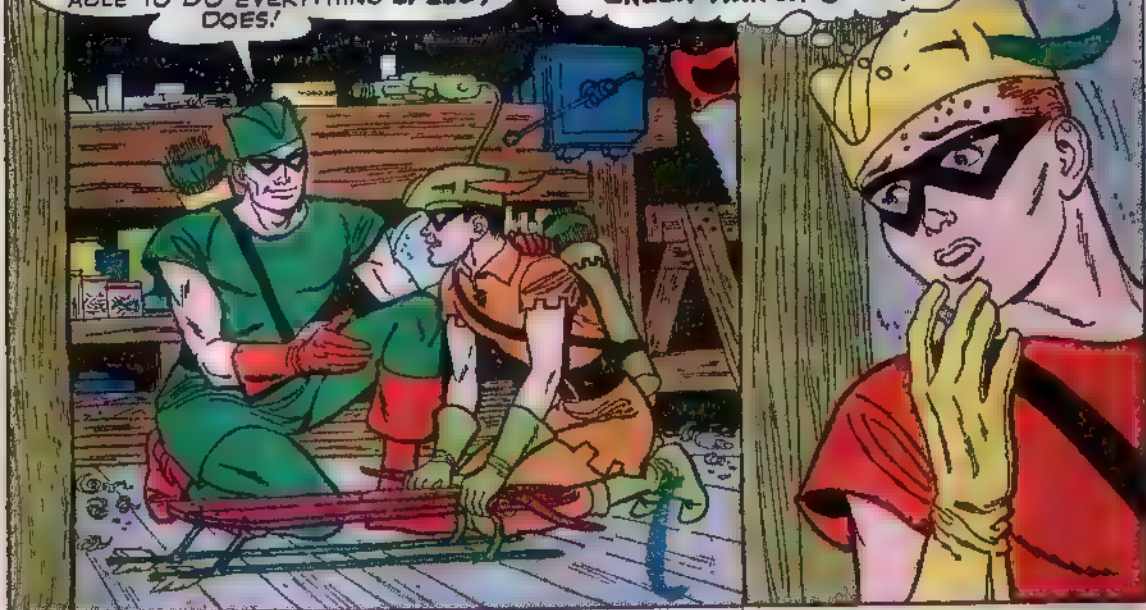
THE GREEN ARROW

WHY WOULD **GREEN ARROW**, FAMED BATTLER AGAINST CRIME, SUDDENLY TURN AGAINST HIS FAITHFUL YOUNG ASSISTANT, **SPEEDY**? AFTER HAVING SHARED COUNTLESS ADVENTURES TOGETHER, WHY SHOULD THE **GREEN ARROW** WANT TO BREAK UP THEIR TEAM? YET, INCREDIBLE AS IT SEEMS, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN **SPEEDY** WATCHES ANOTHER YOUTH TAKE OVER HIS CHERISHED JOB BIT BY BIT IN...

GREEN ARROW'S NEW PARTNER!

EXCELLENT, LAD! YOU FOLLOWED MY INSTRUCTIONS AND MADE A PERFECT **ARROW-SLED**! YOU'LL SOON BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING **SPEEDY** DOES!

THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT NOW! **GREEN ARROW** IS GROOMING THIS BOY TO REPLACE ME! I'M THROUGH AS THE **GREEN ARROW'S** PAL!



ONE NIGHT, AT OLIVER QUEEN'S HOME, AS HIS WARD, ROY HARPER, STUDIES FOR AN EXAM...

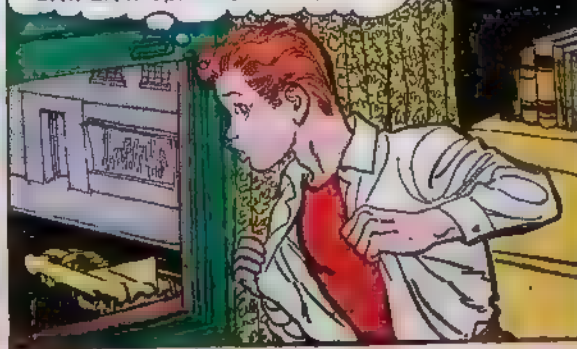
I'M GOING OUT FOR A WALK, ROY! YOU STAY HERE AND FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK!

OKAY, OLIVER! PLEASE BRING BACK SOME ICE-CREAM!



BUT, MINUTES LATER, AS ROY LETS SOME AIR INTO THE STUFFY ROOM...

GR-GREAT SCOTT! OLIVER'S SWITCHED INTO HIS **GREEN ARROW** COSTUME!... AND HE'S DRIVING THE **ARROW-CAR**! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING! I'LL CHANGE INTO MY **SPEEDY** UNIFORM AND FOLLOW HIM!





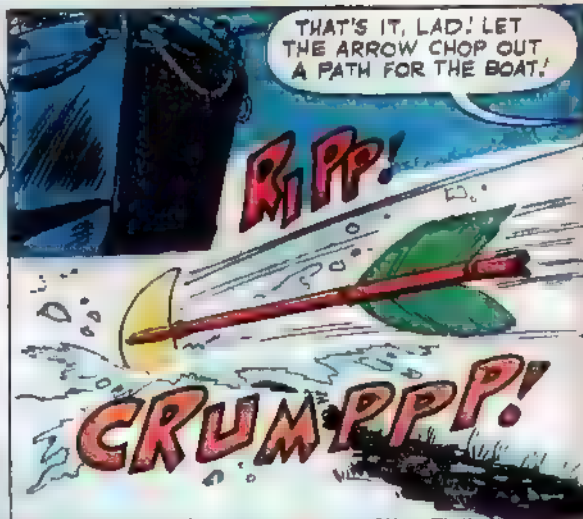
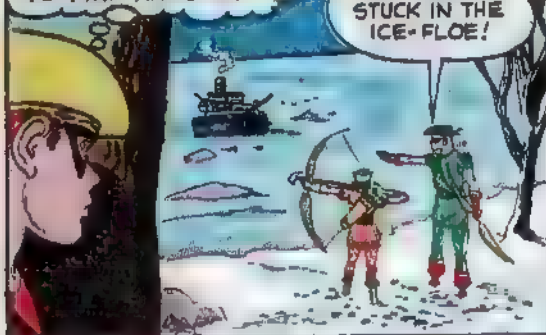
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AFTER SEARCHING THE TOWN FOR AN HOUR, SPEEDY FINALLY SPIES GREEN ARROW NEAR THE RIVER...

HE'S WITH SOMEBODY! A YOUNG BOY... IN COSTUME! HE'S TEACHING HIM HOW TO FIRE ARROWS!

I'VE DEMONSTRATED MY ICE-CUTTING ARROW! NOW YOU TRY IT! AIM TOWARD THAT FIREBOAT STUCK IN THE ICE-FLOE!



THAT'S IT, LAD! LET THE ARROW CHOP OUT A PATH FOR THE BOAT!

RIP!

CRUMPPP!

THE FIREBOAT'S FREE! GOOD WORK, SON! SOON YOU'LL BE IN SPEEDY'S CLASS AS AN ARCHER! NOW GO HOME AND REST! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW NIGHT!

WHO IS THAT BOY? WHY IS GREEN ARROW TRAINING HIM BEHIND MY BACK? I--I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

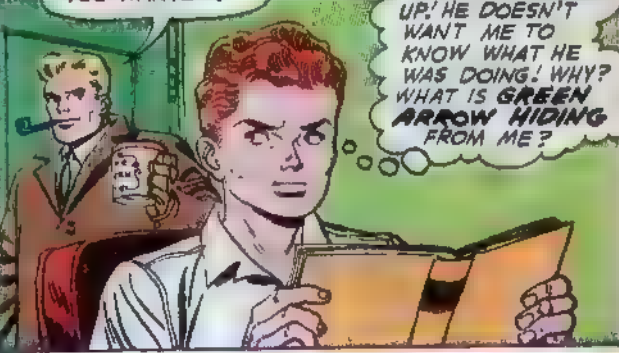


A HALF HOUR LATER, AT OLIVER QUEEN'S APARTMENT...

SORRY I WAS GONE SO LONG, ROY! I MET AN OLD COLLEGE CHUM! HERE'S THE ICE-CREAM YOU WANTED!

THANKS!

HE'S LYING TO ME! HE'S COVERING UP! HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING! WHY? WHAT IS GREEN ARROW HIDING FROM ME?



THE NEXT DAY, AS A DEEPLY WORRIED ROY HARPER WALKS ACROSS THE SCHOOL CAMPUS...

LOOK! THERE GOES THE NEW BASKETBALL COACH! HE JUST REPLACED OLD MAN KINGDON! NOW WE'LL WIN GAMES!

R-REPLACEMENT?
...GASP!... W-WHY THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHY GREEN ARROW MUST BE TRAINING THAT BOY! HE--HE'S THINKING... GULP! OF REPLACING ME!



THAT NIGHT, AT OLIVER QUEEN'S APARTMENT, AS THE HEARTSICK LAD WATCHES HIS GUARDIAN GET DRESSED...

HE'S GETTING READY TO LEAVE! BUT THIS TIME I'LL TRAIL HIM FROM THE MOMENT HE WALKS OUT THAT DOOR!

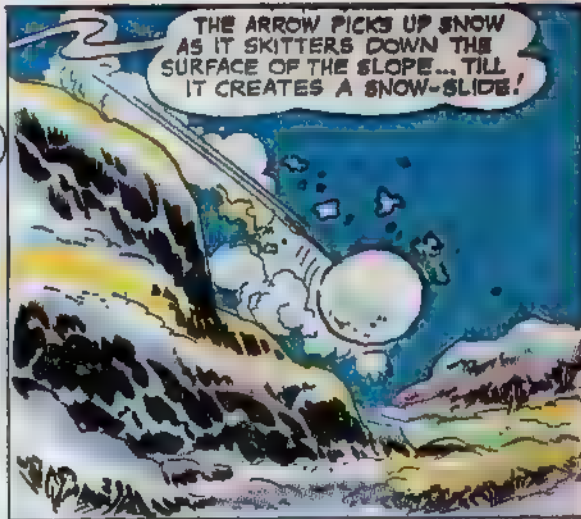
ER... ROY! I'M GOING OUT TO PLAY BRIDGE TONIGHT WITH SOME FRIENDS! DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME!



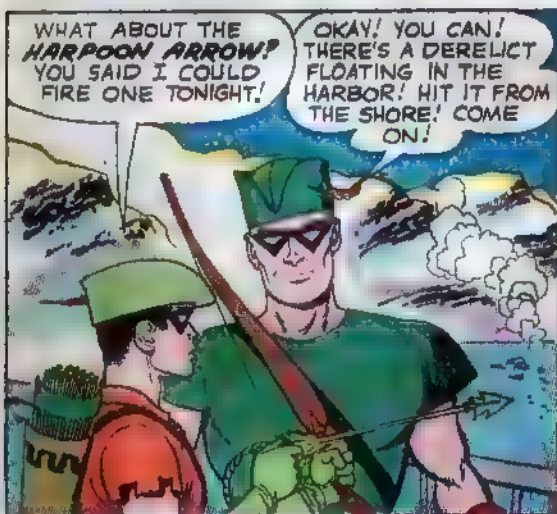
SHORTLY AFTER, AS ROY, HAVING SWITCHED TO **SPEEDY**, TRAILS **GREEN ARROW** WITH WILDLY THUMPING HEART...

HMMM... **GREEN ARROW'S** SURE PLAYING **BRIDGE** TONIGHT!-- WITH A BRAND-NEW PARTNER!

TONIGHT I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO USE THE **AVALANCHE ARROW!**

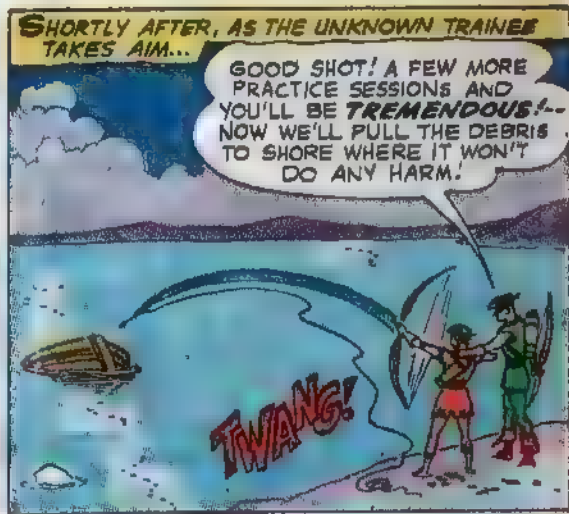


THE **ARROW** PICKS UP SNOW AS IT SKITTERS DOWN THE SURFACE OF THE SLOPE... TILL IT CREATES A **SNOW-SLIDE!**



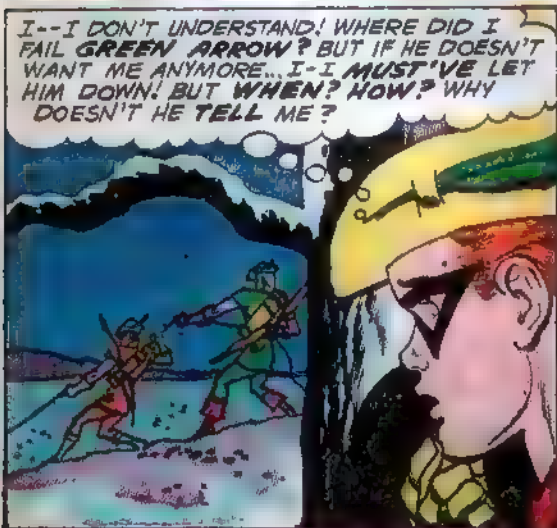
WHAT ABOUT THE **HARPOON ARROW?** YOU SAID I COULD FIRE ONE TONIGHT!

OKAY! YOU CAN! THERE'S A DERELICT FLOATING IN THE HARBOR! HIT IT FROM THE SHORE! COME ON!

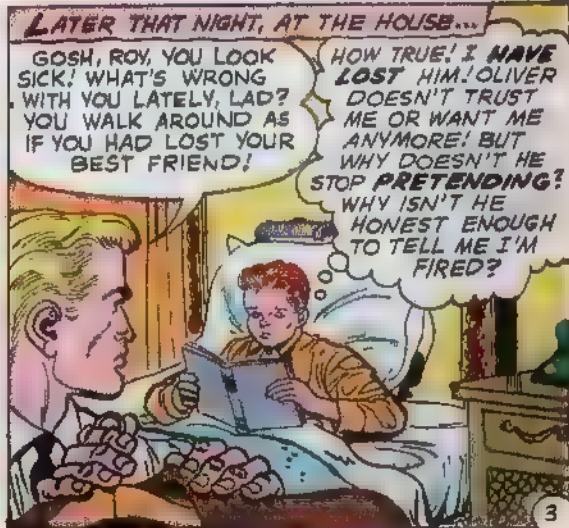


SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE UNKNOWN TRAINER TAKES AIM...

GOOD SHOT! A FEW MORE PRACTICE SESSIONS AND YOU'LL BE **TREMENDOUS!**-- NOW WE'LL PULL THE DEBRIS TO SHORE WHERE IT WON'T DO ANY HARM!



I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHERE DID I FAIL **GREEN ARROW?** BUT IF HE DOESN'T WANT ME ANYMORE... I-I **MUST'VE** LET HIM DOWN! BUT **WHEN? HOW? WHY** DOESN'T HE TELL ME?

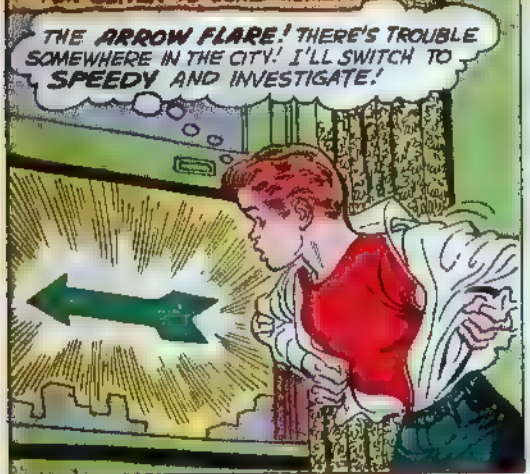


LATER THAT NIGHT, AT THE HOUSE...

GOSH, ROY, YOU LOOK SICK! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU LATELY, LAD? YOU WALK AROUND AS IF YOU HAD LOST YOUR BEST FRIEND!

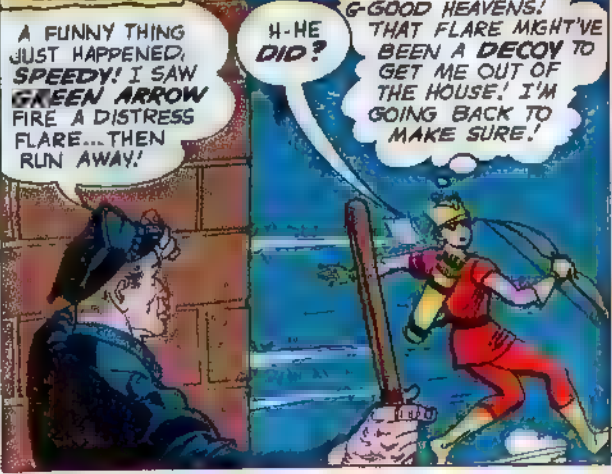
HOW TRUE! I **HAVE LOST HIM!** OLIVER DOESN'T TRUST ME OR WANT ME ANYMORE! BUT WHY DOESN'T HE STOP **PRETENDING?** WHY ISN'T HE HONEST ENOUGH TO TELL ME I'M FIRED?

A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AS ROY WAITS IMPATIENTLY FOR OLIVER TO COME HOME...



THE **ARROW FLARE!** THERE'S TROUBLE SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY! I'LL SWITCH TO **SPEEDY** AND INVESTIGATE!

BUT A FEW BLOCKS AWAY, AS A POLICEMAN STOPS **SPEEDY**...

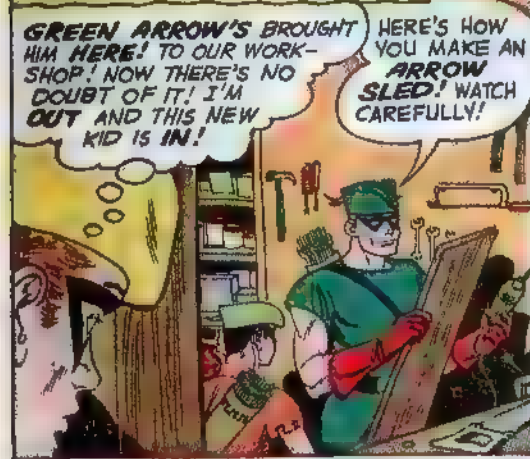


A FUNNY THING JUST HAPPENED, **SPEEDY!** I SAW **GREEN ARROW** FIRE A DISTRESS FLARE... THEN RUN AWAY!

H-HE DID?

G-GOOD HEAVENS! THAT FLARE MIGHT'VE BEEN A **DECOY** TO GET ME OUT OF THE HOUSE! I'M GOING BACK TO MAKE SURE!

BUT AS **SPEEDY** REACHES THE HOUSE, HE MAKES A STUNNING DISCOVERY!



GREEN ARROW'S BROUGHT HIM HERE! TO OUR WORK-SHOP! NOW THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT! I'M OUT AND THIS NEW KID IS IN!

HERE'S HOW YOU MAKE AN **ARROW SLED!** WATCH CAREFULLY!

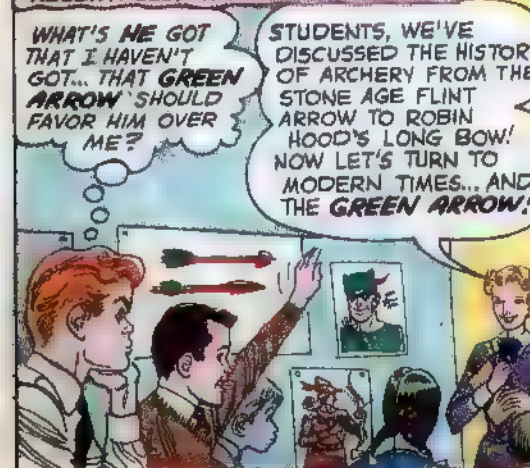
SOON AFTER, AS THE VISITOR REMOVES HIS MASK...



THAT'S WONDERFUL, **G.A.!** THE SHAFTS BECOME RUNNERS! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO BUILD ONE LIKE IT!

G-GREAT SCOTT! I KNOW THAT KID! HE'S IN MY CLASS AT SCHOOL! HIS NAME IS **JERRY HALLECK!** HOW DID **GREEN ARROW** HAPPEN TO PICK HIM AS MY REPLACEMENT?

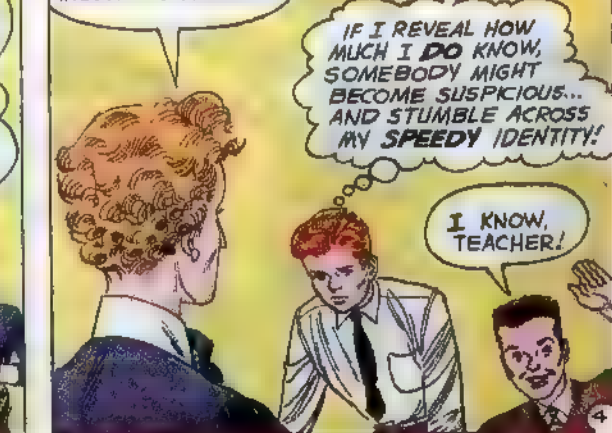
IN SCHOOL, THE NEXT DAY, AS **SPEEDY** RESENTFULLY WATCHES HIS RIVAL...



WHAT'S HE GOT THAT I HAVEN'T GOT... THAT **GREEN ARROW** SHOULD FAVOR HIM OVER ME?

STUDENTS, WE'VE DISCUSSED THE HISTORY OF ARCHERY FROM THE STONE AGE FLINT ARROW TO ROBIN HOOD'S LONG BOW! NOW LET'S TURN TO MODERN TIMES... AND THE **GREEN ARROW!**

ROY HARPER, CAN YOU NAME ANY OF **GREEN ARROW'S** INGENUOUS ARROWS?



S-SORRY! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT **GREEN ARROW** OR HIS ARROWS!

IF I REVEAL HOW MUCH I **DO** KNOW, SOMEBODY MIGHT BECOME SUSPICIOUS... AND STUMBLE ACROSS MY **SPEEDY** IDENTITY!

I KNOW, TEACHER!



I CAN NAME ALL HIS ARROWS! THE SMOKE-SCREEN ARROW! THE BOXING-GLOVE ARROW! THE LARIAT ARROW! THE HANDCUFF ARROW!

SURE! HE CAN TALK! NOBODY'LL SUSPECT HIM! BUT ONCE HE'S REPLACED ME, HE WON'T BLAB SO FREELY! HE...

WAIT! I'VE BEEN TORTURING MYSELF FOR DAYS! WELL, I'M NOT CONTINUING THIS WAY! IF GREEN ARROW'S THROUGH WITH ME, LET HIM TELL ME TO MY FACE! I'M HAVING A SHOWDOWN WITH G.A. THIS AFTERNOON!

BUT THAT AFTERNOON, IN THE CITY PARK...

NICE WORK, LAD! THAT'S PERFECT USE OF THE BUZZ-SAW ARROW! THIS TIMBER IS CONDEMNED! BUT ANY TREE CAN BE CUT DOWN IN THE SAME WAY!

HELP! HELP! MY CHILD!

G-GOOD GRIEF, LAD! A YOUNGSTER'S RUN INTO THE MOOSE CAGE AT THE ZOO! HE'LL BE TRAMPLED!

WAIT, GREEN ARROW! YOU DESIGNED AN ARROW FOR SUCH EMERGENCIES! THE ANTLER ARROW!

WHEN MOOSE BATTLE ONE ANOTHER, THEY LOCK ANTLERS! THESE METAL ANTLERS SPREAD OUT LIKE A PARASOL FROM THE FLYING ARROW!

THE FLYING ANTLERS SLAM INTO THE ATTACKING BEASTS NOSES, STOPPING HIM IN HIS TRACKS BY THE SHEER FORCE OF THE SHOT!

I-I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT ARROW CAME FROM! BUT IT SURE SAVED THIS KID'S LIFE!

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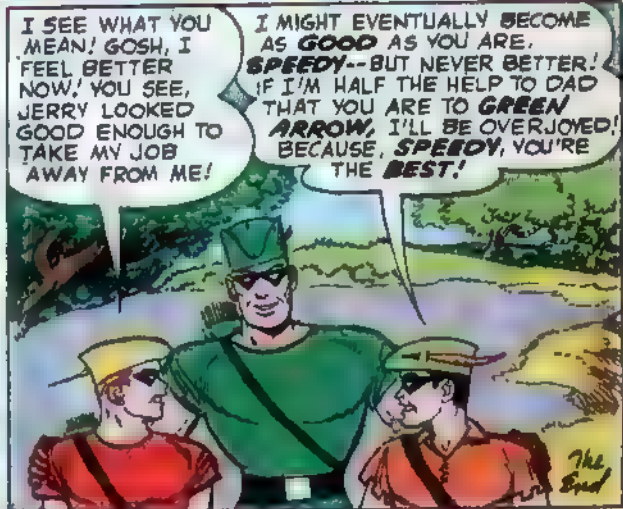
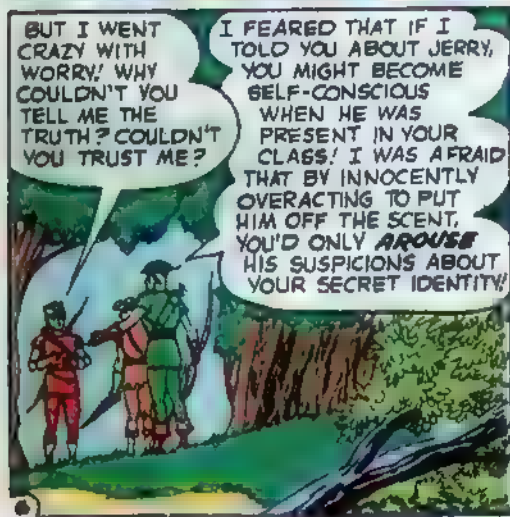
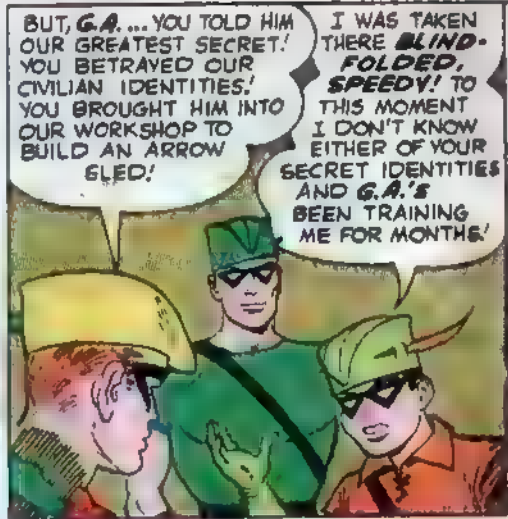
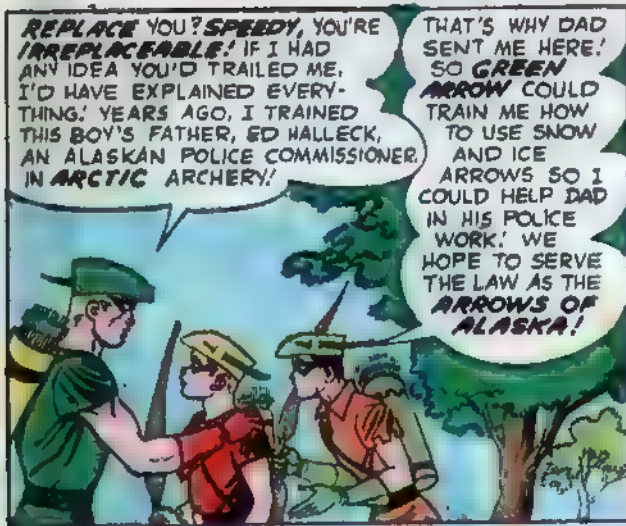
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE HILL, ANOTHER TENSE DRAMA IS ACTED OUT, AS SPEEDY STEPS OUT OF COVER...

G-SPEEDY! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING HERE?

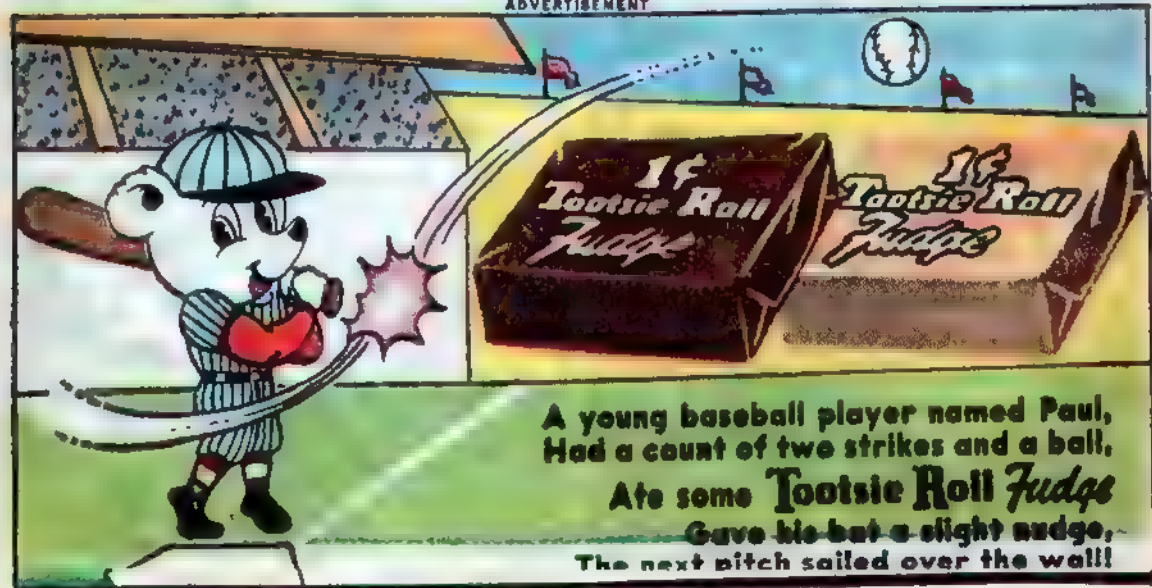
I FOLLOWED YOU! I'VE SEEN YOU TRAIN THIS BOY! I KNOW YOU'RE GROOMING HIM TO REPLACE ME! BUT WHY MUST YOU DO IT BEHIND MY BACK?



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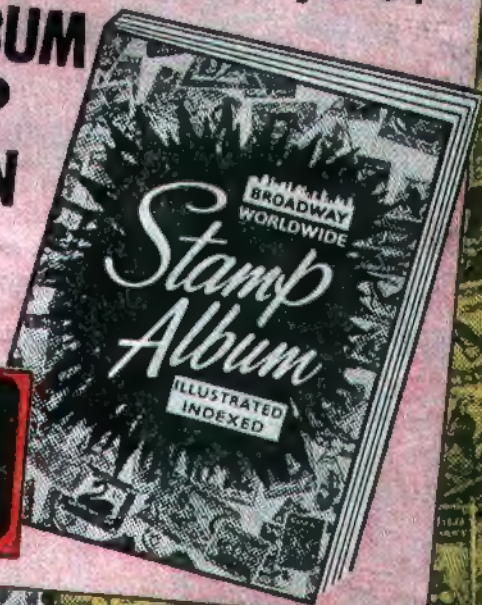
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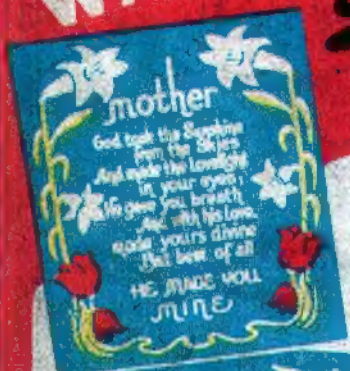
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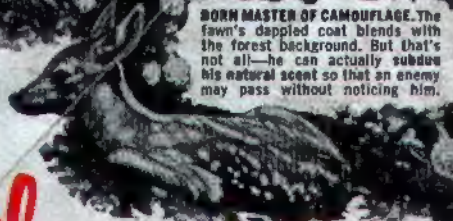
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